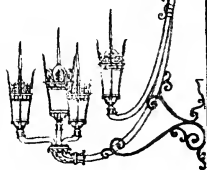




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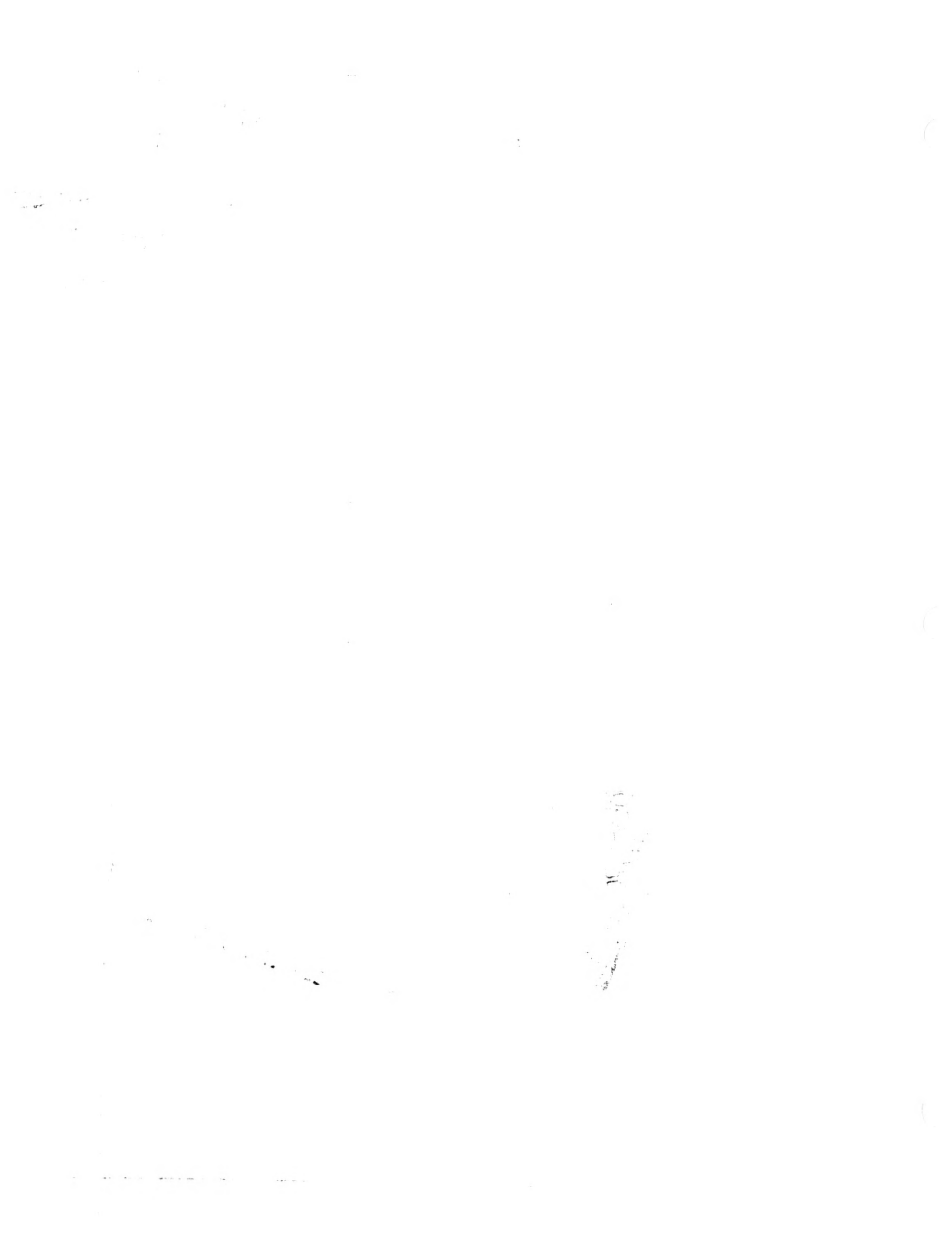
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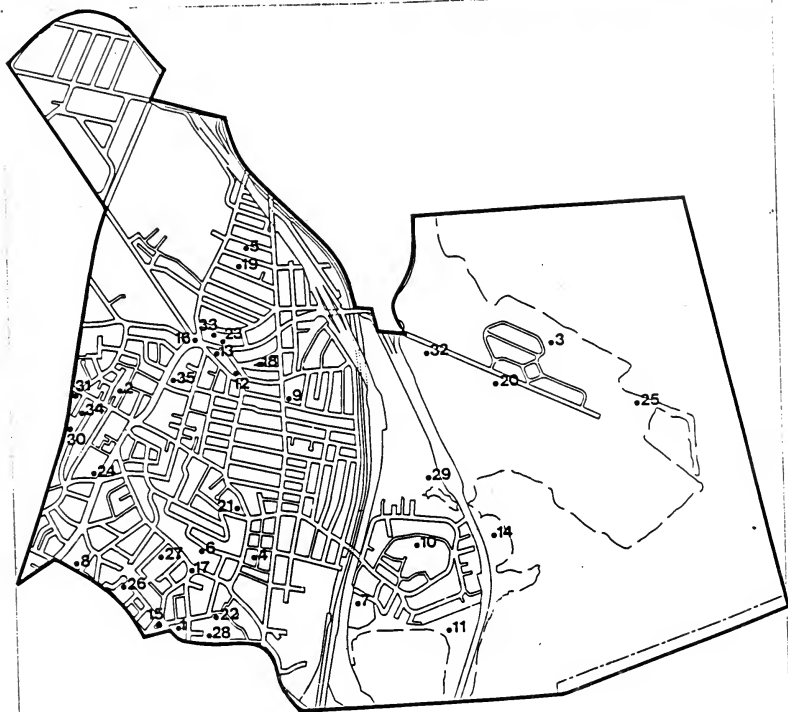
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Neighborhood: North Dorchester  
Map of Neighborhood's Open Space

(SP) Dorchester









# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION



SITE NO.

Neighborhood: NORTH DORCHESTER

Site Name: ALLEN PARK

Location: ADAMS, WINTER & CHURCH

Evaluation Team: SF & PHT

Evaluation Date: 5.7.87

Surrounding Land Uses: Residential, Church

Site Type: square

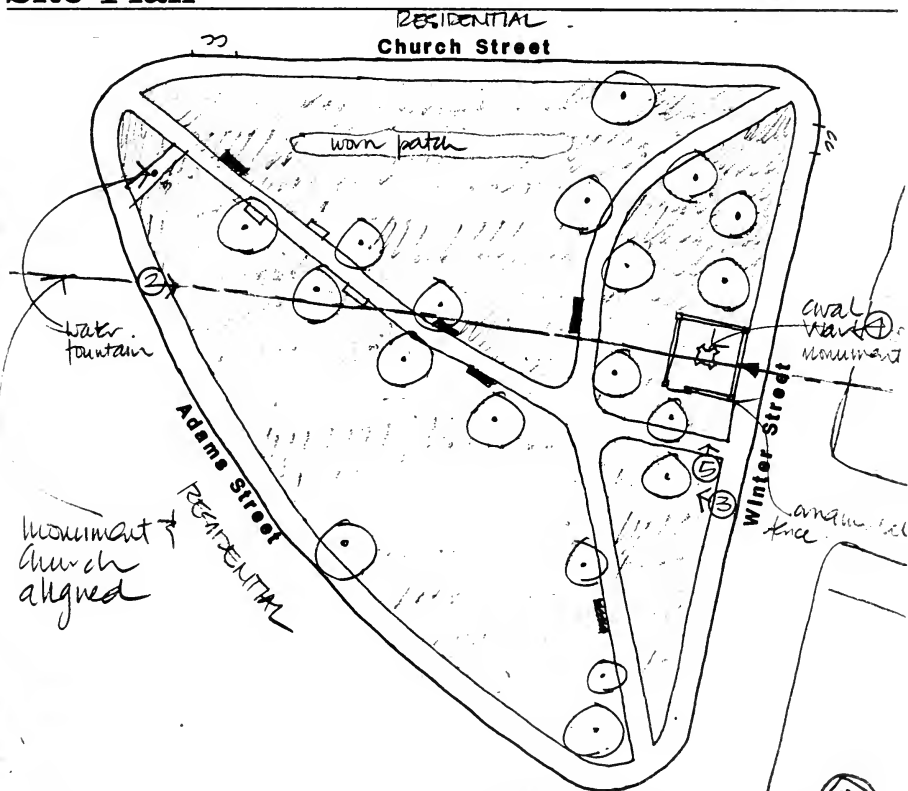
Acreage: 1.29A

Weather Conditions:

Sunny

## ① Site Plan

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SITE NO.

**Site Photograph 1**

View along main access into park from the corner of Adams and Church Streets with planting of Norway Maples. Water fountain given prominent location.

**Site Photograph 2**

View showing civil war monument and historic meeting house steeple aligned - a view not emphasized by current pedestrian circulation layout.

**Site Photograph 3**

View downhill showing seating and shade trees along access route.

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SITE NO.

**Site Photograph 4**

Civil war monument - presence as a point of historic and focal importance could be strengthened.

**Site Photograph 5**

Grass and weed control around monument fence could be improved.

**Site Photograph 6**

View into park from corner of Adams and Winter Streets - entrance into park and edges need to be made stronger.

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Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Allen Park

No.: ND-1

Location: Adams, Winter and Church Streets

Acreage: 1.29 A

Site Type: Square

Site Description:

Allen Park is a triangular site located at the high point of this North Dorchester area. The site slopes down from the old Dorchester Meeting House. It is enclosed by Adams, Winter and Church Streets, and it functions like a town common. Its simple design of grass, trees, paths and benches is very appropriate to this function. There is a partial allée of Norway Maples planted along part of the central pathway. A few other trees are located in the upper area of the green. The park is highlighted by a Civil War monument. Residential and institutional uses surround the site.

Condition Assessments:

Most standard park built elements are in good condition. Only one bench is in fair condition. Unfortunately, graffiti lends a deteriorated character to the park. The tree plantings are in fair condition. The most recent planting of Norway Maples along the central path appear to be growing poorly. Although they have sustained trunk damage, there is most likely another cause for their lack of vigor. Numerous rock outcroppings on the site suggest that shallow soil and consequent dryness may be a factor. The turf is in fair to good condition, although not well maintained. There are several barren areas in the lawn.

Major Site Issues:

Allen Park has great potential to serve the function of a rich green central common for this neighborhood. In order to do this more successfully, however, its primary elements of trees, pathways and monument need to be used more effectively. The overall appearance of the site is exposed and barren, and there needs to be a stronger planting of trees. Use of Norway Maples and Lindens should be avoided in favor of trees that are less used in the urban street environment and convey a more park-like character. Trees should be used that can survive in the soil conditions of the site. Planting should also seek to strengthen the park entrances.

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Acreage: 1.29 A

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Site Name: Allen Park

No.: ND-1

Location: Adams, Winter and Church Streets

Acres: 1.29 A

Site Type: Square

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# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

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SITE SUMMARY



SITE NO.

IGN CONSIDERATIONS:	→ simple request to pedestrian needs - turning a site.
AVOY/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	Monument not needed as a major focal point of park - through.
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	Under usage of tree plantings
PROPRIETIES OF PARK UNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	
BARRIER FREE DESIGN	curb cuts on street edge & access good through site
RAINAGE CONDITION	adequate.
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	
LANDSLIP	graffiti, demolished benches.
ADJACENT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	No.
STABILITY AND SAFETY:	
STABILITY INTO SPACE	good
STABILITY OUT FROM SPACE	good
HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	None.
DITION ASSESSMENTS:	
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	benches, permanent monument good, fence fair
PORTS FACILITIES	-
LAYGROUNDS	-
BUILDINGS	-
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	tree damage surprisingly poorly - perhaps because soil too
MAJORITY SITE ISSUES:	over, rock below
	beds in the layout side steps monument as a focal point, duplication to existing design and incorporate it more.
	Monument needs cleaning.
	Park appears bare. Needs strategic planting of trees
	Lower level terrace
	working around existing landscape - picking up monumenting. no
	park entrances and edges need to be emphasized - planting, of trees and shrubs, etc

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## STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS

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## NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS

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	QUANTITY	CONDITION	LOCATION	MISC.
TREES	1			
SHRUBS	10			
TURF	1			
GROUND COVER				
FLOWER BEDS				
GROUND				
CONTAINER				
WILD SPECIES				
WOODS				
PONDS				
TREAMS				
SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL FEATURE/AREA				

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# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

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SITE NO.

Neighborhood: NORTH DORCHESTER

Site Name: COLUMBIA POINT PLGD.

Location: MONTICELLO

Evaluation Team: SAF BTH

Evaluation Date: 5.12.87

Surrounding Land Uses: Residential

Site Type: \_\_\_\_\_

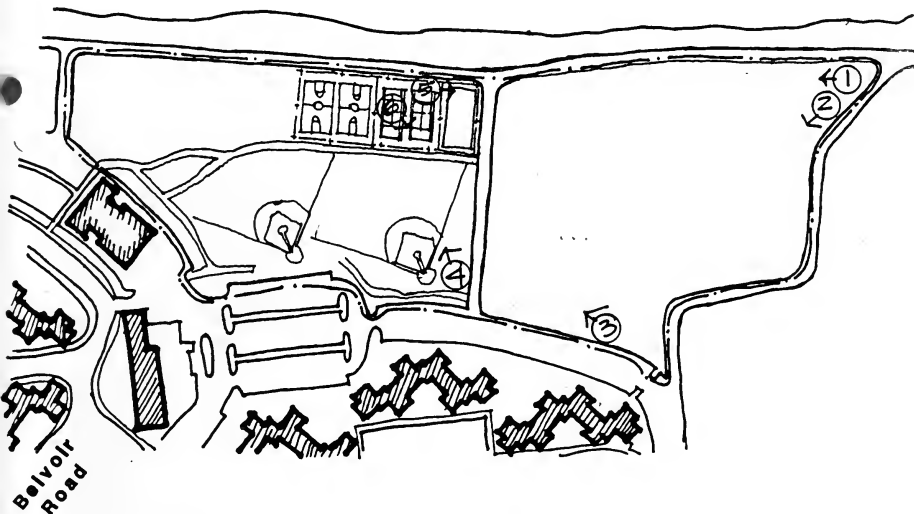
Acreage: 33.29A

Weather Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunny

## Site Plan

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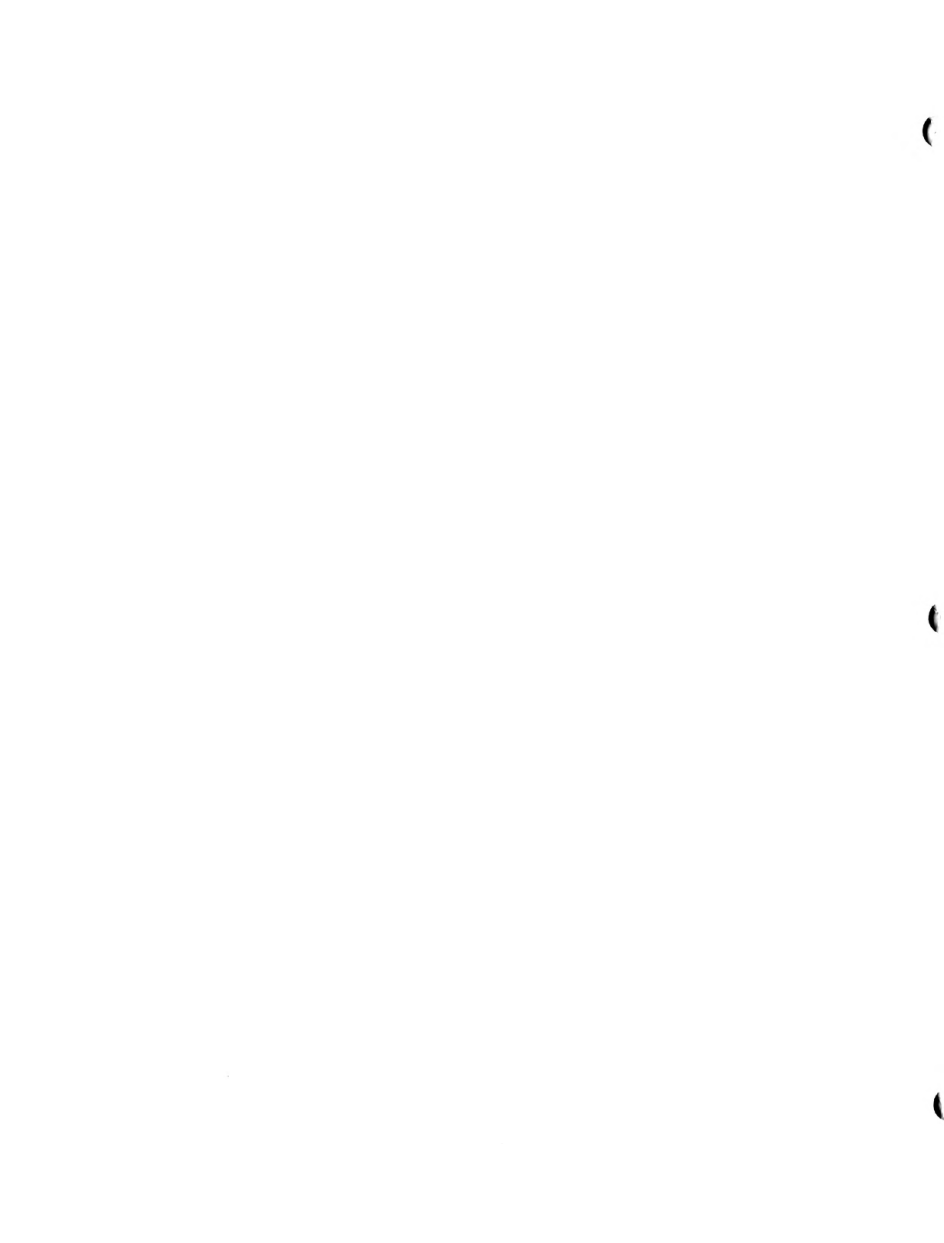


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**Site Photograph 1**

Site no longer a park.

**Site Photograph 2****Site Photograph 3**





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SITE NO.

Site Photograph 4



Site Photograph 5



Site Photograph 6





Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Columbia Point Playground

Location: Monticello Avenue

Acreage: 33.29 A

Site Type: Playfield

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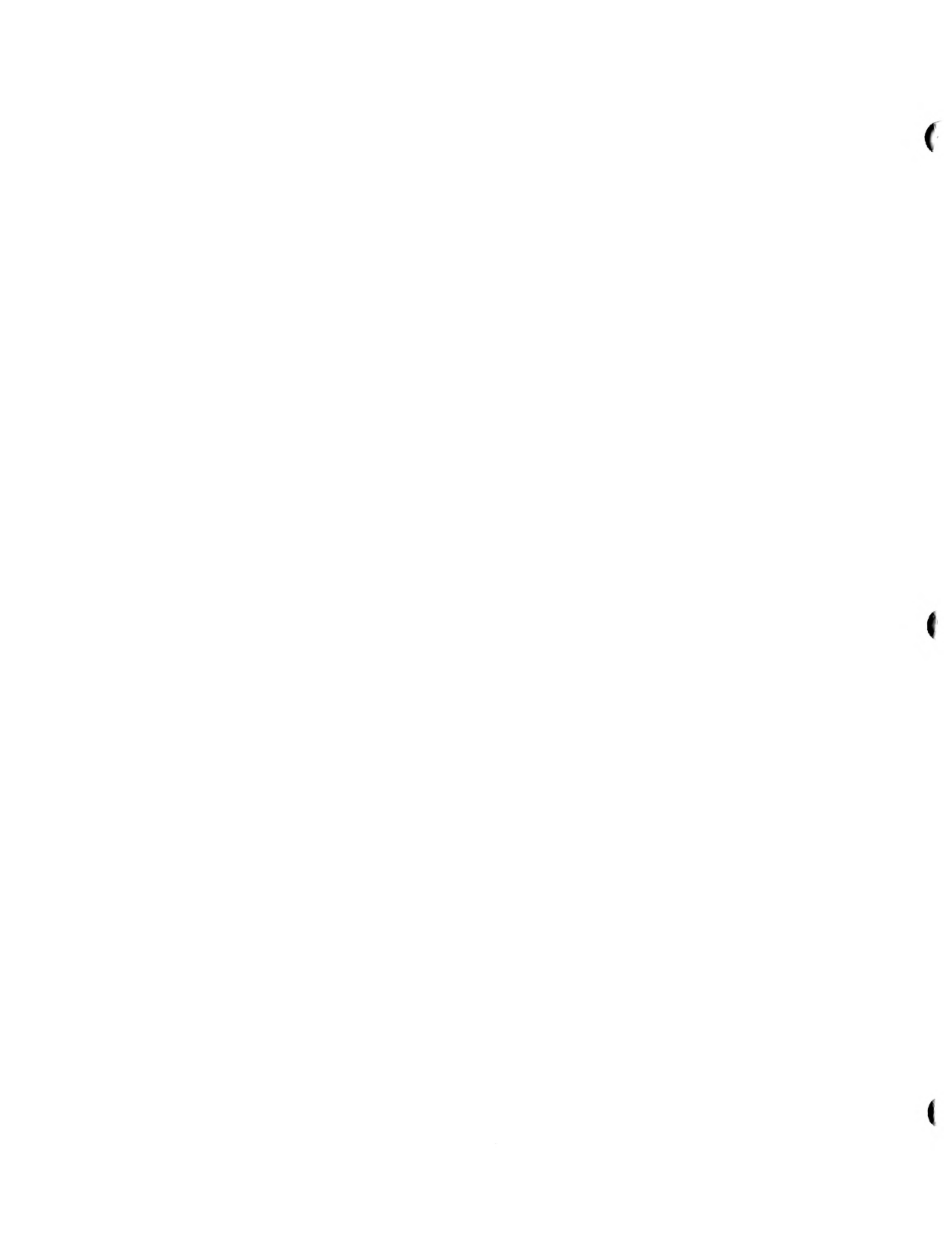
Site Description:

Columbia Point Playground is a large irregularly shaped area along the north shore of the Columbia Point peninsula. At present the site is entirely under construction ~~for new housing development~~. All structures will be demolished in the course of the present undertaking.

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Major Site Issues:

Location of future park facilities is part of the over-all master plan for the renovation of Columbia Point.



Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Columbia Point Playground

No.: ND-3

Location: Monticello Avenue

Acreage: 33.29 A      Site Type: Playfield

Site Description:

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Major Site Issues:

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# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

SITE SUMMARY



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	
LAYOUT/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	
APPROPRIATENESS OF PARK FUNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	
BARRIER FREE DESIGN	
DRAINAGE CONDITION	
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	
VANDALISM	
VACANT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	
ISIBILITY AND SAFETY:	
VISIBILITY INTO SPACE	
VISIBILITY OUT FROM SPACE	
HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	
CONDITION ASSESSMENTS:	
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	
SPORTS FACILITIES	
PLAYGROUNDS	
BUILDINGS	
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	

PRIMARY SITE ISSUES:

This site is in the process of redevelopment as residential housing



STANDARD PARK  
BUILT ELEMENTS

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	QUANTITY	MATERIALS	CONDITION	LOCATION	MISC.
	AMOUNT ADEQUATE # INADEQUATE #	WOOD CONCRETE WOOD & CONCRETE METAL STONE BRICK CHAIN LINK VINY CHAIN BIT. CONCRETE EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR UNSATURABLE WELL LOCATED (SNOW) POORLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY EXTENSIVE MINIMAL			
TREES, PARK					
BENCH RACKS					
BENCHES					
COURTARDS					
POTABASINS					
S					
KING FOUNTAINS					
FLOWERS					
SECS					
TABLES					
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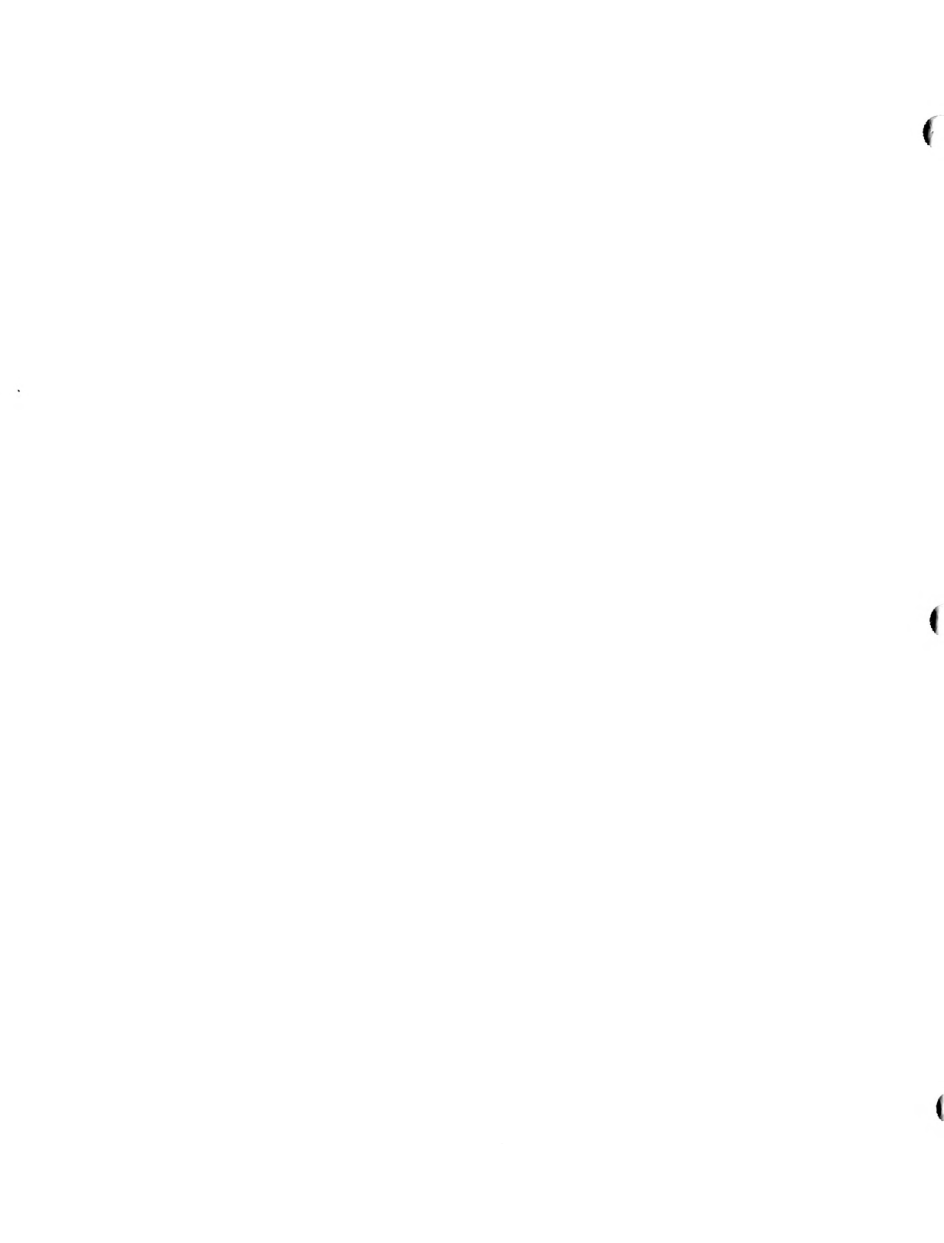
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## SPORTS FACILITIES

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## BUILDINGS AND PLAYGROUNDS

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### ACCESS, CIRCULATION AND PARKING

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SITE NO.

	QUANTITY	MATERIALS	CONDITION	LOCATION	MISC.
# BUILDINGS					
PLAY GROUNDS					
ADEQUATE #					
INADEQUATE #					
INVENTORY					
METAL					
WOOD					
METAL & WOOD					
CONCRETE					
SAND					
BARK MULCH					
ASPHALT					
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UNUSABLE					
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POORLY LOCATED					
APPROXIMATELY					
ADJACENT TO					
SEATING PRESENT					
FENCING PRESENT					
SAFETY PROBLEMS					
SAFETY INCIDENT					
RECREATION					
RESTROOM					
STORAGE					
OTHER					
PLAYGROUNDS (GENERAL)					
EQUIPMENT:					
SURFACE					
EDGING					
FENCING					
AGE DISTRIBUTION:					

	SURFACE CONDITION	MATERIALS	ORGANIZATION	ACCESS	PARKING
PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE
VEHICULAR CIRCULATION	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNUSABLE (SNOW)
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE
VEHICULAR ACCESS	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNUSABLE
MAINTENANCE ACCESS	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE
ACCESS CONTROL:	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE



# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

NATURAL PARK  
ELEMENTS

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SITE NO

QUANTITY	CONDITION	LOCATION	MISC.
EXISTS	QUANTITY	EXACT COUNT	MAINTENANCE
ES	ESTIMATED COUNT	REMOVAL	REMOVAL
UBS	# COVERAGE	UNRAVABLE (SNOW)	WELL LOCATED
F	POORLY LOCATED	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS
UNCOVER	UNRAVABLE (SNOW)	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS
WER BEDS	UNRAVABLE (SNOW)	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS
ROUND	UNRAVABLE (SNOW)	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS
ONTAINER	UNRAVABLE (SNOW)	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS
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TURE/AREA	UNRAVABLE (SNOW)	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE ADDRESS









# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION



SITE NO

Neighborhood: NORTH DORCHESTER

Site Name: DEER STREET PARK

Location: DEER

Evaluation Team: SF & BH

Evaluation Date: 5.11.87

Surrounding Land Uses: Residential

Colonel Daniel

Site Type: \_\_\_\_\_

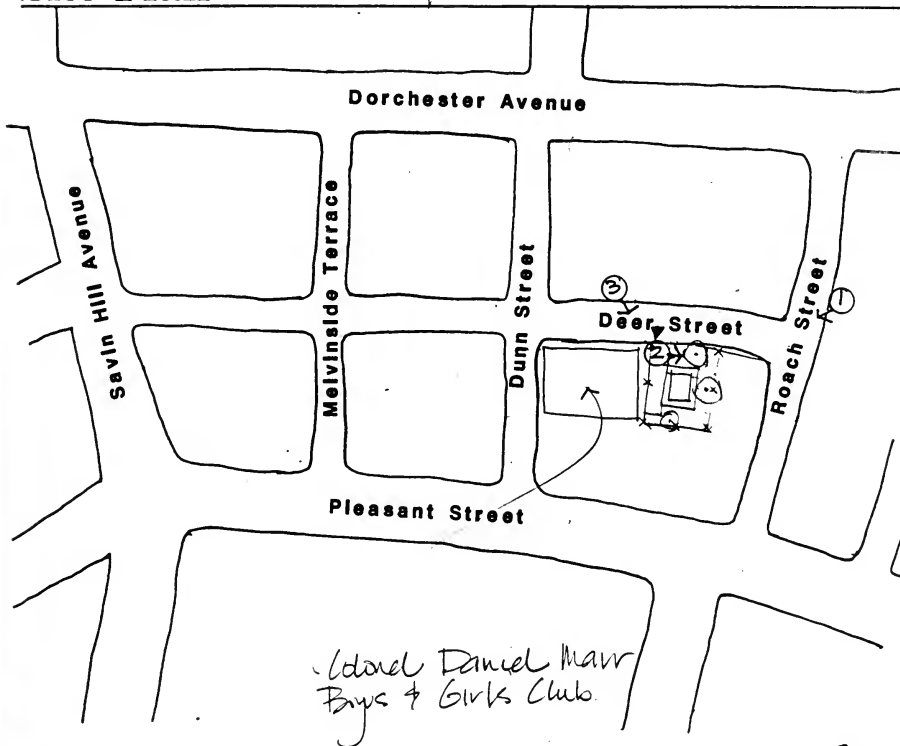
Acreage: 0.2 A

Weather Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunny

## Site Plan

Marr Bay - Boys & Girls Club



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**Site Photograph 1**

Playground constructed  
by adjacent Marr Boys  
and Girls Club.

**Site Photograph 2**

Timber edge to tree  
planting creates  
difficult to maintain  
grass strip.

**Site Photograph 3**



Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Deer Street Park

Location: Deer Street

Acreage: 0.2A

Site Type: Playlot

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**Site Description:**

Deer Street Park is a small rectangular site located on the west side of Deer Street. To the north the site abuts the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club, to the south a parking lot, and to the west residences. Enclosed with a four-foot chain-link fence, the park has a large metal and wood play structure enclosed with a timber edge and a bituminous concrete path. Surrounding the play area is a strip of grass with several trees. The western edge of the park is a moderately steep grassy slope.

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**Condition Assessments:**

The improvements to this park are recently constructed and all are in good to excellent condition, except plantings. About half the trees have died. The remaining trees are in fair condition. The recently installed sod is under heavy use and is starting to fail.

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**Major Site Issues:**

Improvements to Deer Street Park were constructed and are maintained by the Boys and Girls Club. The design of the park has several shortcomings. The grass strip will very likely be worn out by children's play. The grass in the area along Deer Street would survive better if the fence was adjacent to the sidewalk bordering the play structure, thereby separating the grass and trees from active use. This would best support growth, and provide shade and a pleasant green space along the edge of the play area. The grass slope on the west side of the park will probably be worn out by play as well. A low retaining wall or some other means of controlling access to this area would be desirable.



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Neighborhood: North Dorchester

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No.: ND-4

Location: Deer Street

Acreage: 0.2 A

Site Type: Playlot

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SITE SUMMARY



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IGN CONSIDERATIONS:	
LAYOUT/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	Location of fence and strip of grass between play area and Deer Street creates a maintenance problem and deer is at pocket tree planting.
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	Trees not well located. Grass breaks the slope.
PROPRIETENESS OF PARK FUNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	YES
CARRIER FREE DESIGN	adequate.
RAINAGE CONDITION	The timber planting scheme is located in the center of a strip of grass blocking drainage.
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	None
LANDSLIDE	-
ADJACENT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	
STABILITY AND SAFETY:	
STABILITY INTO SPACE	good
STABILITY OUT FROM SPACE	good
HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	none.
DITION ASSESSMENTS:	
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	excellent
PORTS FACILITIES	
LAYGROUNDS	excellent.
BUILDINGS	-
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	fair to poor: Trees are under stress, grass seed is coming out under tree.
PARK SITE ISSUES:	

This park has been improved and is maintained by Colonel Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club.  
Planting detail will not well support tree growth and create extra maintenance effort.



# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

STANDARD PARK  
BUILT ELEMENTS



SITE NO.

	QUANTITY			MATERIALS										CONDITION			LOCATION		MISC.		
	AMOUNT	INADEQUATE #	ADAPTABLE #	WOOD	WOOD & CONCRETE	WOOD & METAL	STONE	BRICK	CHAIN LINK	BIT. LINK CHAIN	OTHER CONCRETE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	WELL LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED		APPROPRIATELY LOCATED	EXCESSIVE
BENCHES, PARK	1																				
CYCLE RACKS	1																				
SEATERS	1																				
WALLS	1																				
TCHBASINS	1																				
RRS	1																				
INKING FOUNTAINS	1																				
MPSTERS	1																				
NCES	1																				
ME TABLES	1																				
IGHTING	1																				
PEDESTRIAN :	1																				
PARKING/ROAD :	1																				
SPORTS	1																				
NUMENTS	1																				
ONIC TABLES	1																				
ILLINGS	1																				
MPS	1																				
VOICE GATES	1																				
ONS, ENTRY	1																				
AIRS	1																				
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*-wood can be changed to plastic*

*9 m. 100 ft playground*



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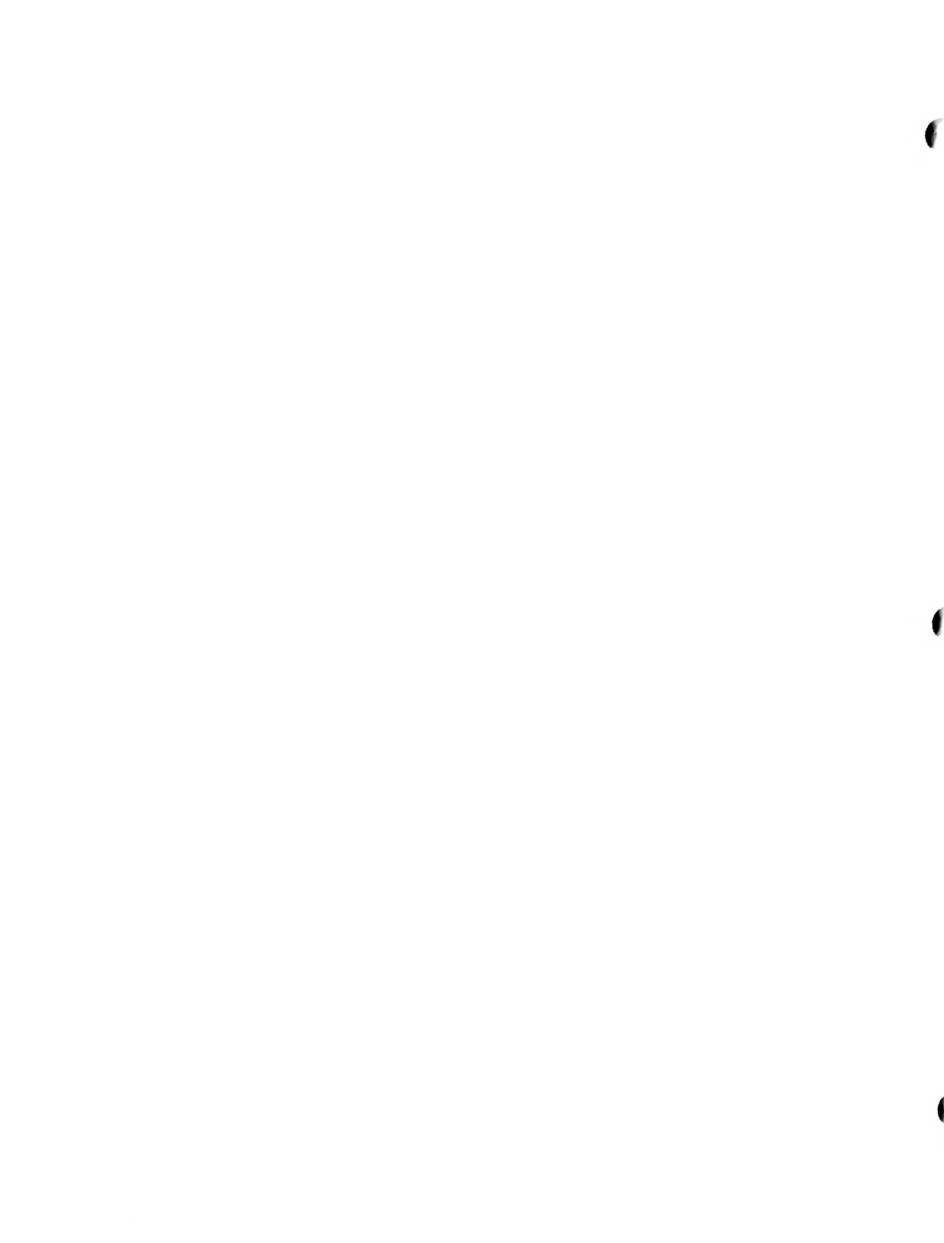
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SITE NO.

	SURFACE CONDITION	MATERIALS	ORGANIZATION	ACCESS	PARKING
PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION	X	GOOD			
VEHICULAR CIRCULATION		EXCELLENT			
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS		FAIR			
VEHICULAR ACCESS		POOR			
MAINTENANCE ACCESS		UNUSABLE			
ACCESS CONTROL:		BIT. CONCRETE(SNOW)			
		CONCRETE			
		STONE			
		OTHER			
		WELL ORGANIZED			
		DISORGANIZED			
		OBSTRUCTIONS			
		RESPONDS TO			
		ACCIDENT POINTS			
		ACCIDENT POINTS			
		VEHICLE CONTROL			
		EASY VEHICLE ACCESS			
		ACCESS UNAVAILABLE			
		NO PARKING			
		NEARBY PARKING			
		PARKING ADEQUATE			
		IMPROVABLE			
		ADDITIONAL			
		IMPROVABLE			





# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

NATURAL PARK  
ELEMENTS

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SITE NO.

	QUANTITY			CONDITION			LOCATION			MISC.		
	EXISTS	EXACT COUNT	ESTIMATED COUNT	REMOVAL	# COVERAGE	UNRATABLE	WELL LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	APPROXIMATELY LOCATED		ADJACENT TO	ADJACENT TO
EES	1											
RUBS	1											
RF	1											
OUND COVER	1											
OWER BEDS	1											
GROUND	1											
CONTAINER	1											
ED SPECIES	1											
ODS	1											
NDS	1											
REAMS	1											
ECIAL ECOLOGICAL ATURE/AREA	1											

2 or 3 trees have died

grass strip hard to maintain







# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION



SITE NO.

Neighborhood: NORTH DORCHESTER

Site Name: DOWNER AVENUE PWD.

Location: DOWNER

Evaluation Team: CAF & BH

Evaluation Date: 5.11.87.

Surrounding Land Uses:

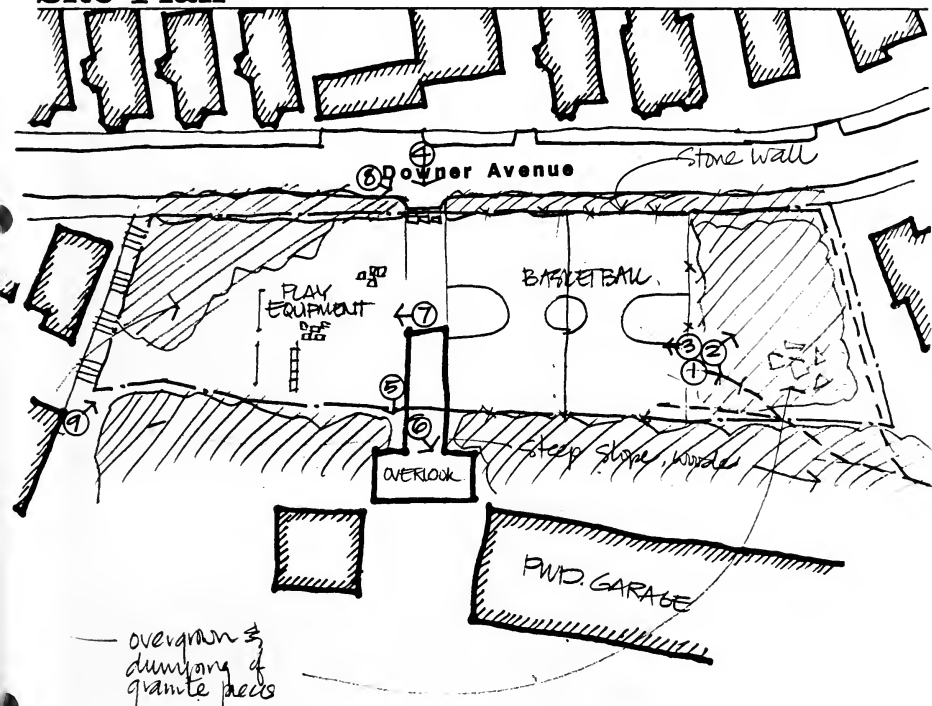
Site Type: Playlot

Acreage: 0.78A

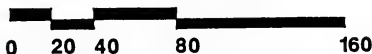
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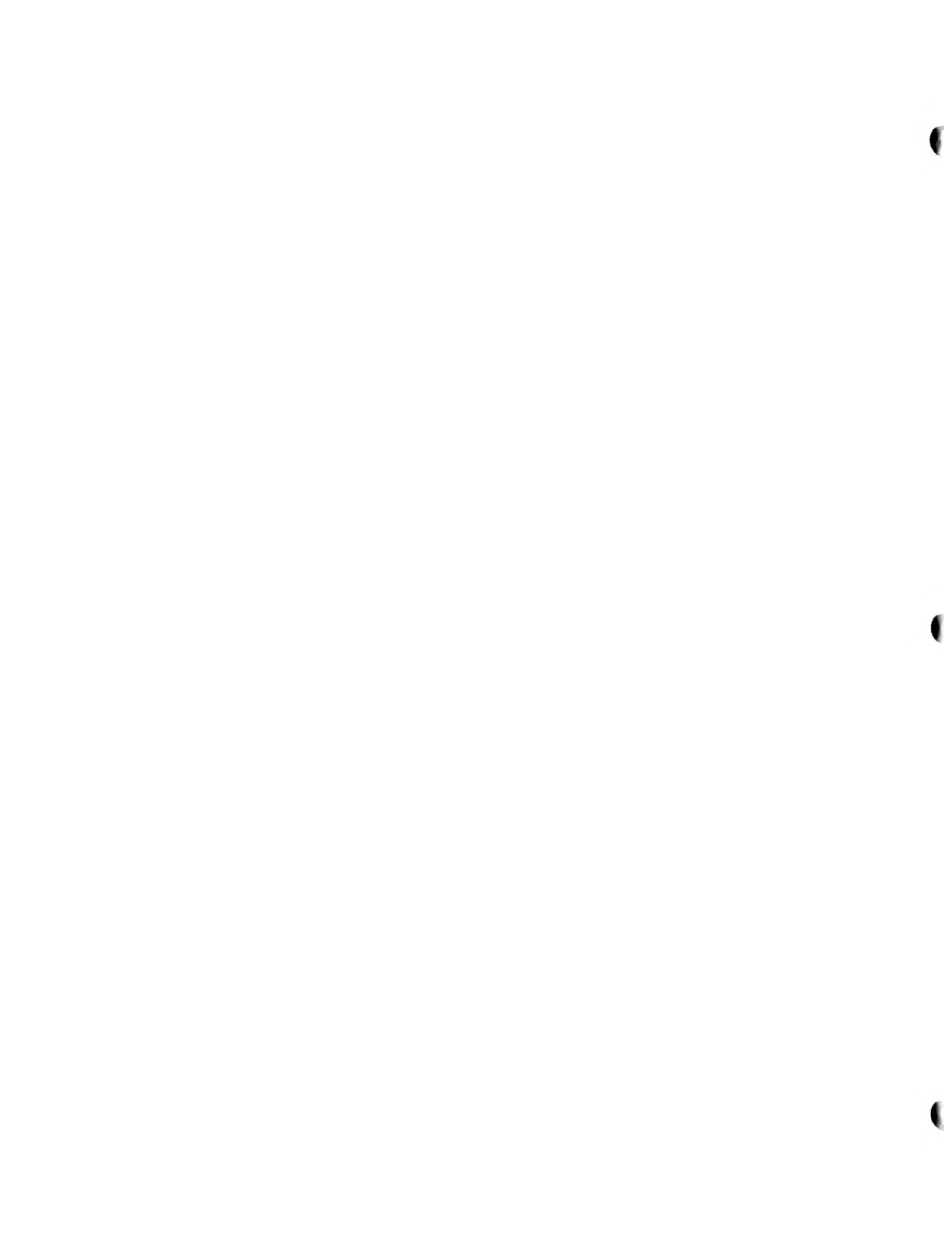
Sunny

## Site Plan



SCALE







SITE NO.

**Site Photograph 1**

Desire lines from adjacent property - a short cut through the site. Granite pieces stock piled on site - difficult to maintain grass around them.

**Site Photograph 2**

Dumping of brush and other debris.

**Site Photograph 3**

Chain link pulled down to allow access through. Fence posts bent. No hoop on basketball court.







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**Site Photograph 4**

Main access from  
Downer Avenue with  
view through to scenic  
overlook structure.  
Granite pieces used as  
access control.

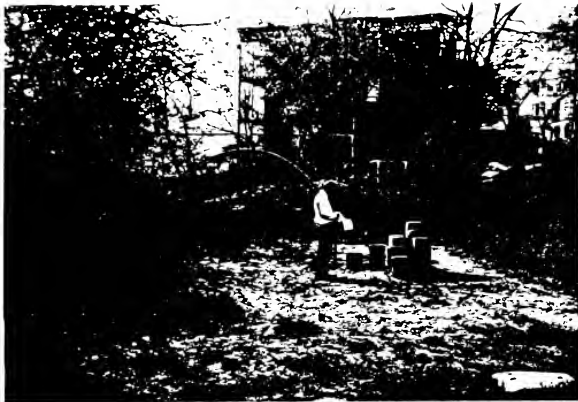
**Site Photograph 5**

Fencing missing -  
steep slope below -  
a safety problem.

**Site Photograph 6**

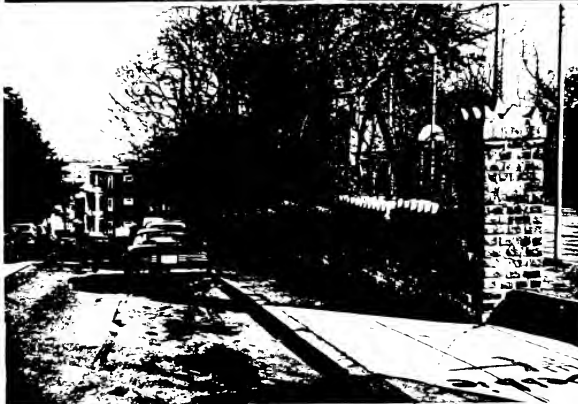
Scenic overlook - a  
hidden corner. Graffiti,  
concrete spalling.





**Site Photograph 7**

Playground - safety surface encroached by grass and weeds. Equipment vandalised.



**Site Photograph 8**

Masonry wall and vegetation growth prevents visual access into site.



**Site Photograph 9**

View into site from adjacent stairs. Fence unnecessary along top of wall. Barbed wire present in some areas.



Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Downer Avenue Playground

Location: Downer Avenue

Acreage: 0.78 A

Site Type: Playlot

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**Site Description:**

Downer Avenue Playground is a long rectangular park on the south side of Downer Avenue. The southern edge of the park abuts a very steep slope falling off to the Public Works Department storage yard. To the east and west the park abuts residences. On the western edge of the park is a very long set of concrete and stone stairs providing access to Hancock Street from Downer Avenue. There is a six-foot cobblestone wall topped by a five-foot chain-link fence with barbed wire along the north park edge. The main access to the park leads from Downer Avenue to a concrete overlook with high chain-link fencing. To the east of the entry walk is a basketball court. To the west is a playground. Trees frame the park around its edges. Surrounding land uses are residential and municipal.

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**Condition Assessments:**

The standard park-built elements are in fair to poor condition. The basketball court is unusable because there are no rims. The playground is barely functional, badly overgrown with vegetation and vandalized. The trees are mostly in good condition. The grass is in very poor condition. Renovations to the park are scheduled by the city.

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**Major Site Issues:**

Lack of maintenance and vandalism have combined to make Downer Avenue Playground appear abandoned and extremely deteriorated. This appearance is aggravated by high chain-link fencing and barbed wire along Downer Avenue. The concrete overlook is massive and imposing, and chain-link fencing is missing along one edge.

Access to the Public Works Department storage yard needs to be better controlled, and improvements along the boundary between the park and yard are needed. One entrance into the park appears insufficient, and additional entrances should be developed which respond to desired access points.



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Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Downer Avenue Playground

No.: ND-5

Location: Downer Avenue

Acreage: 0.78 A

Site Type: Playlot

Site Description:

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Condition Assessments:

The standard park built elements are in fair to poor condition. The basketball court is unusable because there are no rims. The playground is badly overgrown with vegetation, vandalized and functions very minimally. The trees are mostly in good condition. The grass is in very poor condition. Renovations to the park are scheduled by the City.

Major Site Issues:

Lack of maintenance and vandalism have combined to make Downer Avenue Playground appear abandoned and in an extremely deteriorated state. This appearance is aggravated by high chain link fencing and barbed wire along Downer Avenue. The concrete overlook is massive and imposing, and chain link fencing is missing along one edge.

Access to the Public Works Department storage yard needs to be better controlled, and improvements along the boundary between the park and yard coordinated between the two City departments. One entrance into the park appears insufficient, and additional entrances should be developed which respond to desired access points.





SIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	Only say official entry point - unscale.
LAYOUT/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	1. establish 3 plant beds/borders at front of site. some overlook & naturally occurring trees along front yard
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	
APPROPRIATENESS OF PARK FUNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	
BARRIER FREE DESIGN	No
DRAINAGE CONDITION	as appropriate
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	-
VANDALISM	graffiti, broken benches & lights, fence pulled down in areas
VACANT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	No
STABILITY AND SAFETY:	
VISIBILITY INTO SPACE	View poor due to plant growth along street edge & walls, around lot not poor
VISIBILITY OUT FROM SPACE	In wooded areas & on scenic lookout
HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	
ADDITION ASSESSMENTS:	
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	Fence, walls, benches turn to poor
SPORTS FACILITIES	basketball court poor, & hoops
PLAYGROUNDS	barely usable - vandalism, removal of plant growth
BUILDINGS	
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	Wild & overgrown

MARY SITE ISSUES:

Lack of maintenance over along period of time has allowed this park to become extremely overgrown by grass, weeds & weed trees. Vandalism - graffiti evidence of fire & pulled down fence line - further deteriorated park. Chain-link fence and barbed wire along street edge seem unnecessary as there is already a 5' stone wall. Some overtake is massive and ugly. Overall atmosphere of this park is depressing & unsafe. - only one access point. Fencing along slope edge unsafe w/ many holes and



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STANDARD PARK  
BUILT ELEMENTS

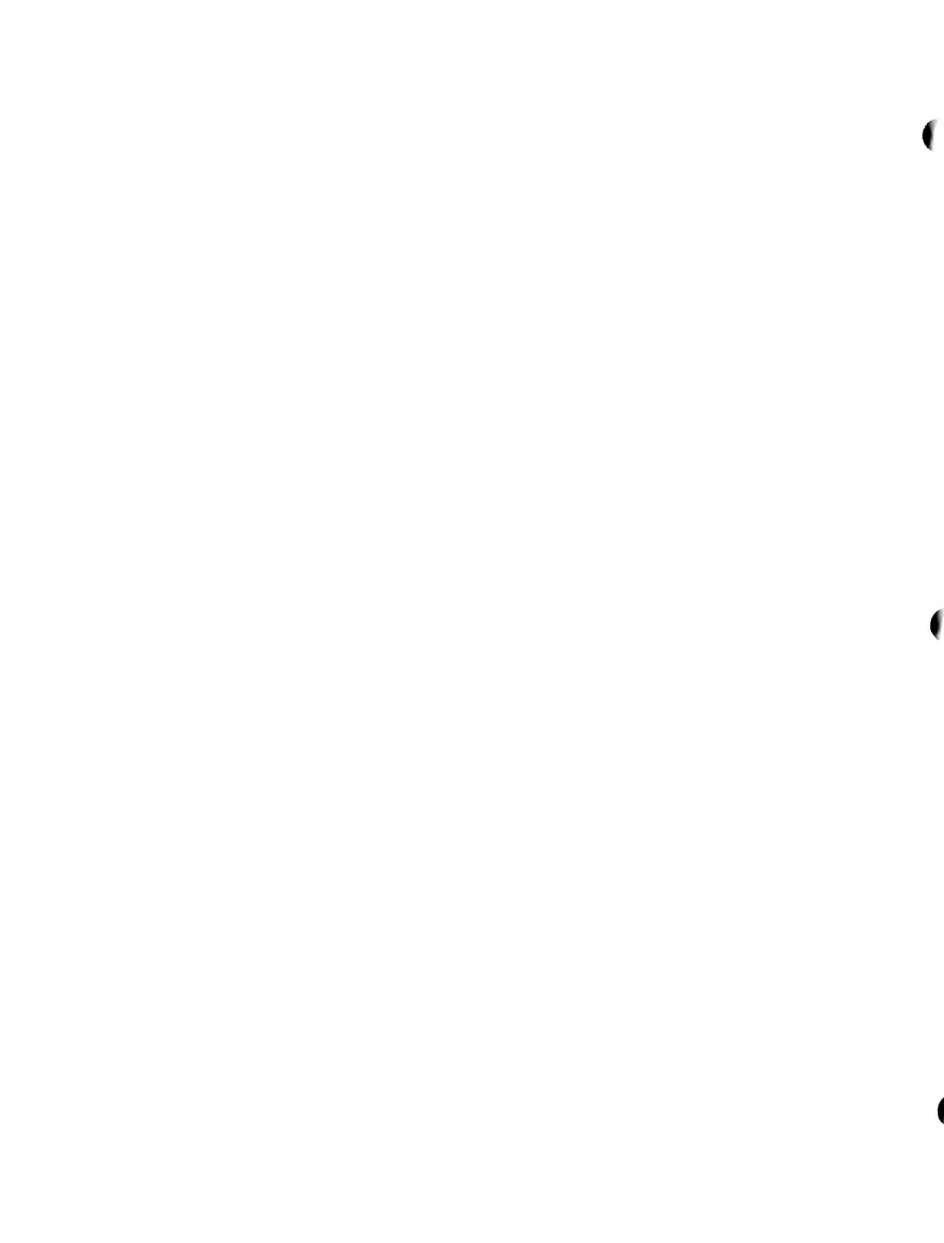


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SITE NO.

	QUANTITY			MATERIALS										CONDITION			LOCATION		MISC.		
	AMOUNT	ADAPTABLE #	INADAPTABLE #	WOOD	WOOD & CONCRETE	METAL	STONE	BRICK	CHAIN LINK	BIT. CONCRETE	OTHER	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNAVAILABLE (SMO)	POORLY LOCATED		APPROXIMATELY LOCATED	END OF TRAIL
BENCHES, PARK	10																				
BICYCLE RACKS																					
BENCHES																					
BOLLARDS																					
BATCHBASINS																					
BURBS w/rd.																					
BIRKING FOUNTAINS	1																				
BUMPSTERS																					
BENCES																					
BAME TABLES																					
BIGHTING																					
BPEDESTRIAN :																					
BARKING/ROAD :																					
BSPORTS	2																				
BONUMENTS																					
BICNIC TABLES																					
BAILINGS																					
BAMPS																					
BERVICE GATES																					
BIGNS, ENTRY																					
BTAIRS	1																				
BASH BCEPTACLES : 55' x 11' bottom	2																				
BALLS																					
BATER FEATURES																					
BOTHER																					

Notes: broken up, double rows of chain link fence, 5' x 11' bottom, broken fix kids, fair to poor made recommendation, several areas need major repairs



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SPORTS FACILITIES

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	QUANTITY		MATERIALS		CONDITION		LOCATION		MISC.											
	AMOUNT	IN ADEQUATE #	SKINNED INFELD	ASPHALT	METAL	CRASS	OTHER	% COVERAGE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	WELL LOCATED (SNOW)	APPLY LOCATED	PLANTING OF TREES	LIGHTING	TEAR REPAIRING	SEALING	FENCING PRESENT
BASKETBALL:	1																			
SURFACE																				
BACKBOARD/HOOP	2																			
TENNIS:																				
BANGBOARD																				
FENCING																				
SURFACE																				
NET POLES																				
OTHER COURT:																				
BASEBALL:																				
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FOOTBALL: FIELD																				
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NO FENCING

NO FENCING



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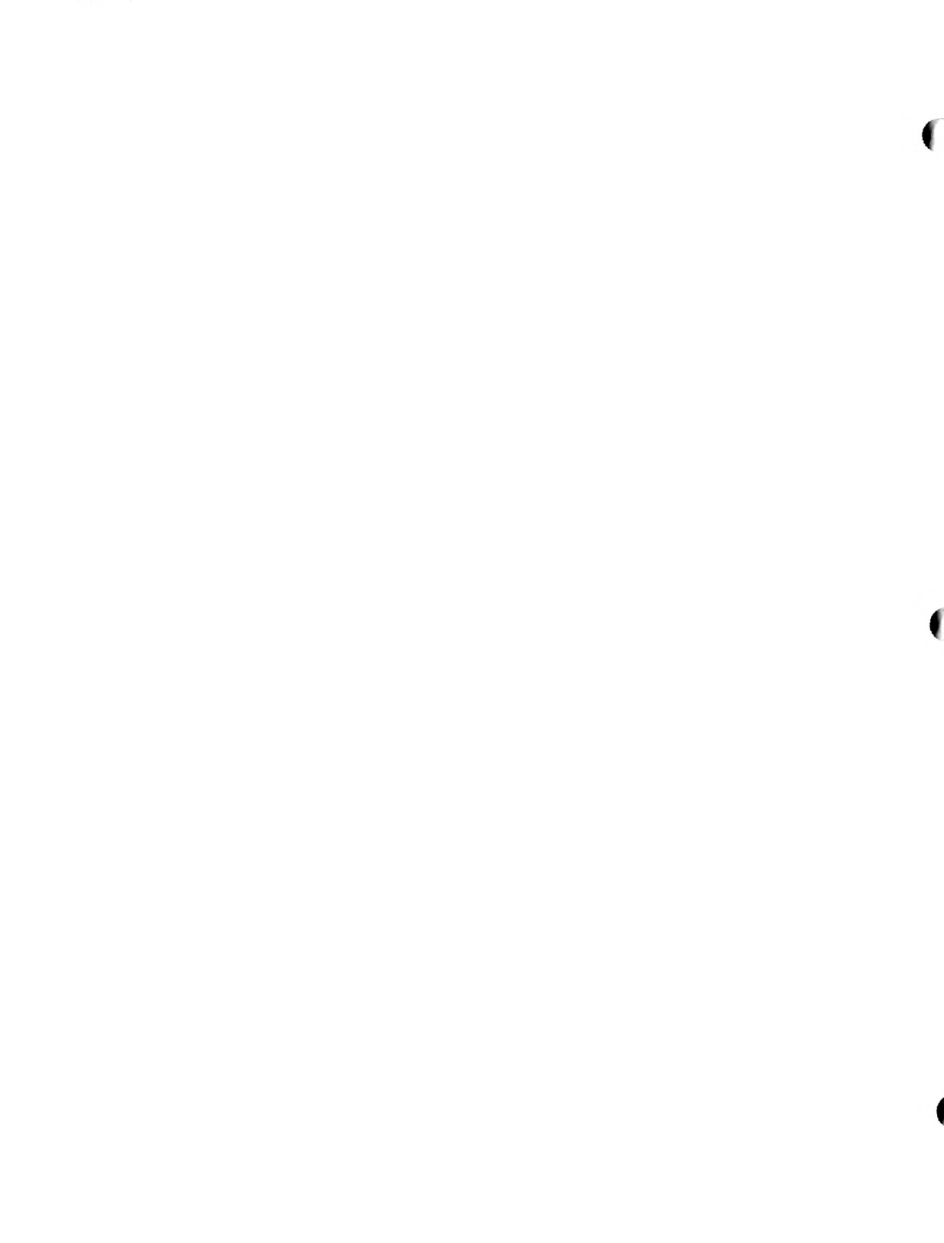


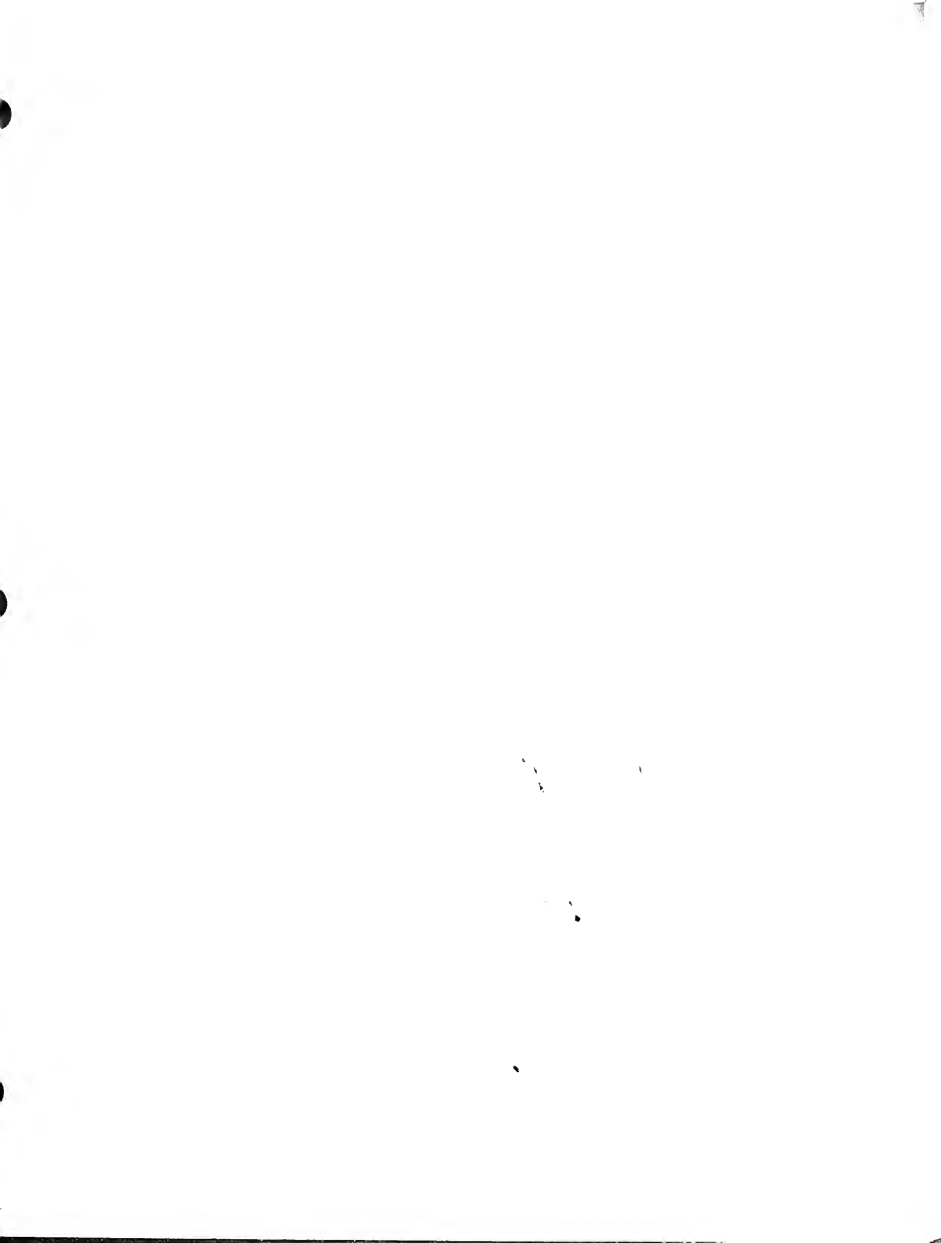
NATURAL PARK  
ELEMENTS

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SITE NC

	QUANTITY	CONDITION	LOCATION	MISC.
REES	70	70	70	70
HUBBS	70	70	70	70
URF	70	70	70	70
ROUND COVER	70	70	70	70
LOWER BEDS	70	70	70	70
GROUND	70	70	70	70
CONTAINER	70	70	70	70
FEED SPECIES	70	70	70	70
WOODS	70	70	70	70
ONDS	70	70	70	70
TREAMS	70	70	70	70
SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL	70	70	70	70
FEATURE/AREA	70	70	70	70







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SITE NO

Neighborhood: NORTH DORCHESTER

Site Name: MCCONNELL PARK

Location: SPRINGDALE

Evaluation Team: SF & BH

Evaluation Date: 5.7.87

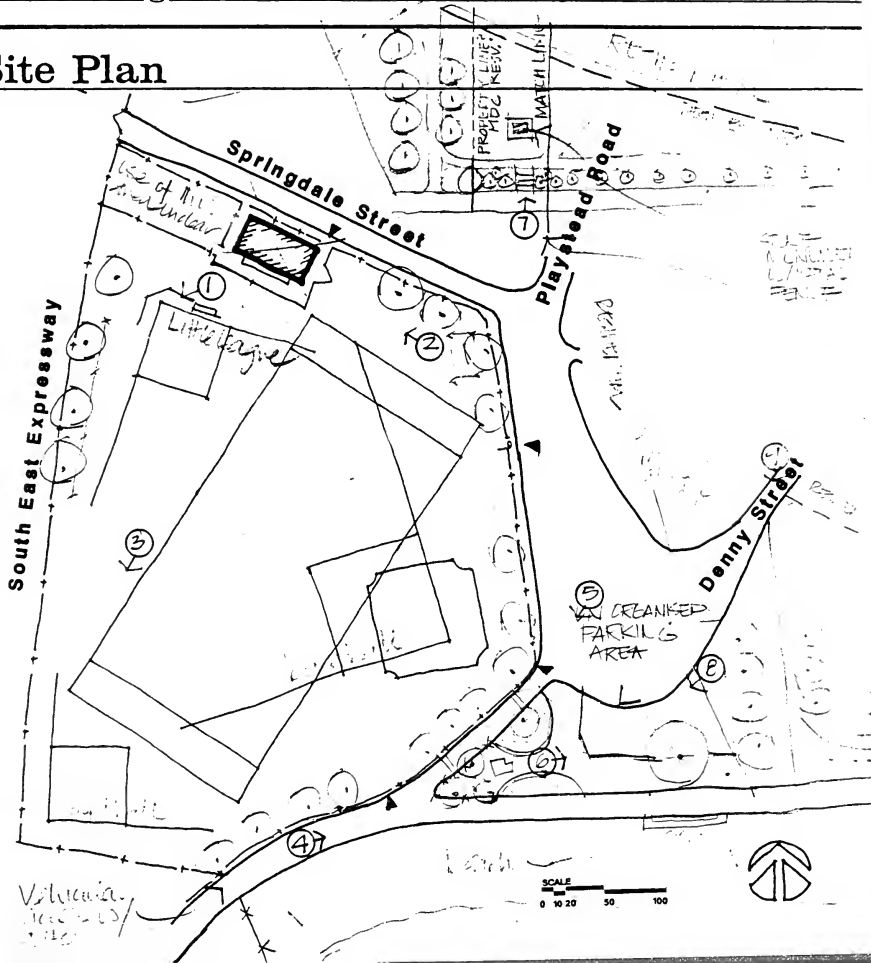
Surrounding Land Uses: Residential

Site Type:   

Acreage: 5.1 A 3.2 A

Weather Conditions: Sunny

## Site Plan







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**Site Photograph 1**

Percolation of  
sports field poor -  
ponding of water.

**Site Photograph 2**

View along inside edge  
by Springdale Street -  
poor grass growth.  
Use of enclosed area  
unclear.

**Site Photograph 3**

View across ballfield  
shows patchy grass  
and proximity of  
site to expressway.







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**Site Photograph 4**

View showing sidewalk along beachfront and play equipment area.

**Site Photograph 5**

Parking along edge of playground. Boulders used as access control. Note weed growth along base of fence, contributes to unkempt appearance of park.

**Site Photograph 6**

Timber play structures - poor safety surface. Many broken or missing parts make structures almost unusable.





SITE NC

### Site Photograph 7

View of monument from beach - steps spalling and invaded by weeds. Plaque missing from monument.



### Site Photograph 8

Poor grass growth - note broken glass. Need for access control on right along parking edge.



### Site Photograph 9

Pedestrian access from Denny Street. Trees growing well in grassed area.





Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: McConnell Park

Location: Springdale Street and Playstead Road

Acreage: 6.2 A

Site Type: Playfield

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**Site Description:**

McConnell Park is a large active recreational park with baseball, softball, and title league fields located between the Southeast Expressway on the west and the Savin Hill Beach on the south. To the east there is a parking area surrounding a cul-du-sac with the residential areas of Savin Hill to the north and east. The ballfield area has a linear planting of Norway maples along the east and south edges. Between the parking area and the water is a large playground with sitting areas. There is a stone monument surrounded by a metal fence.

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**Condition Assessments:**

Most of the standard park-built elements are in fair to good condition. The playing fields are in fair to poor condition. There are depressions where water ponds. Percolation through the soil is poor and the grass is badly worn in areas. The tree plantings are in generally good condition. The playground varies in condition. The concrete structures are in good condition. However, they have low play value. Most of the swings are broken. The mulched play surface is in poor condition and full of glass. The concrete surface is in fair condition, but is not an appropriate surface for play. Renovations to the ballfields, playground and sitting area by the monument are planned by the City.

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**Major Site Issues:**

The general layout of facilities in McConnell Park is good. However, the parking area around the cul-du-sac needs organization and vehicular access control needs to be established to prevent cars from entering the site. The major issue for the site is the condition of ballfields and playground. Both of these will be addressed in the scheduled renovations. When this is completed, it is important that the park receive higher levels of maintenance than it does at present, to prevent a repeated cycle of deterioration.



Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: McConnell Park

No.: ND-6

Location: Springdale Street and Playstead Road

Acres: ~~5.44~~ Site Type: Playfield

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Site Description:

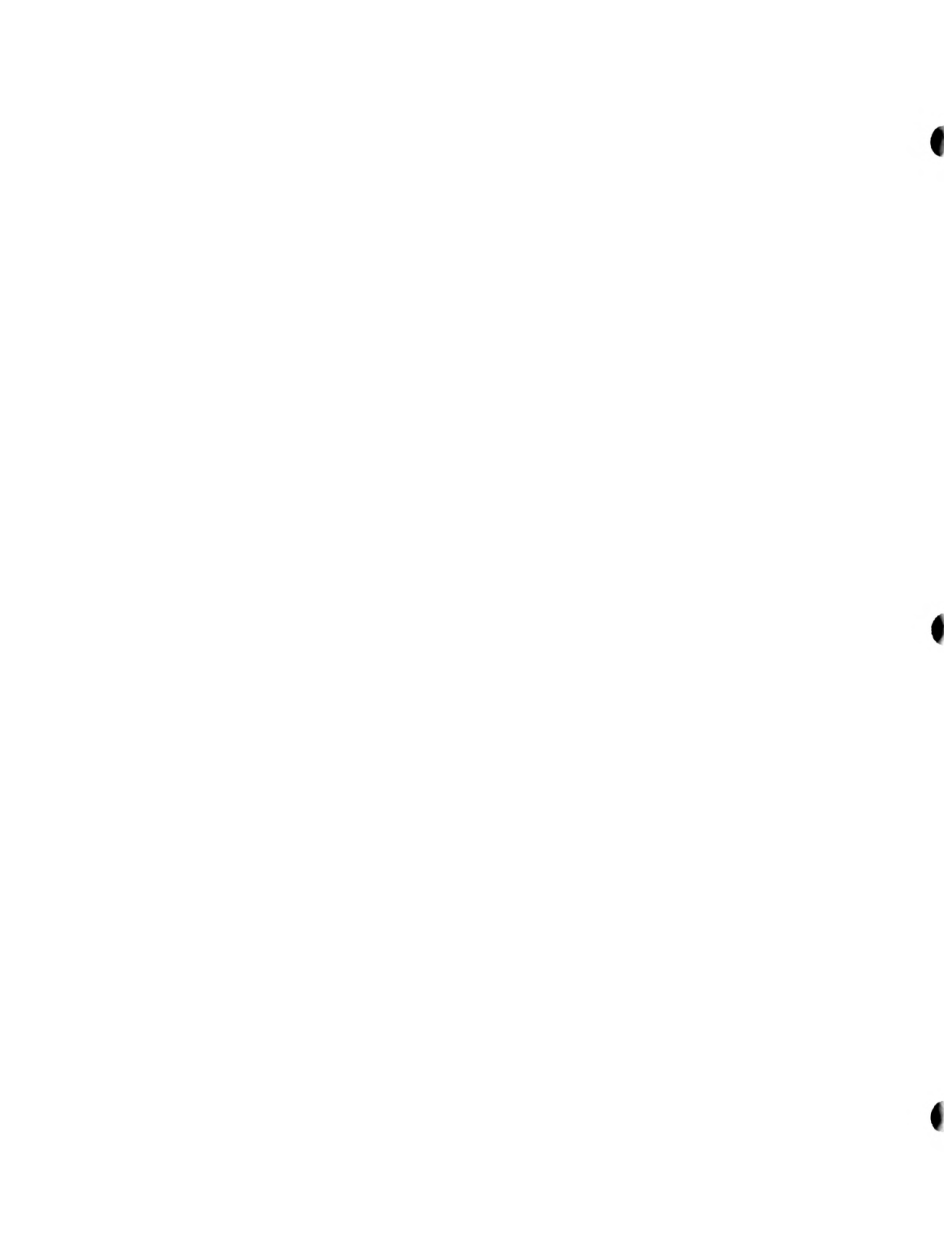
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# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

SITE SUMMARY



SITE NO.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
LAYOUT/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
APPROPRIATENESS OF PARK FUNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
BARRIER FREE DESIGN	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
DRAINAGE CONDITION	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
VANDALISM	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
VACANT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
VISIBILITY AND SAFETY:	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
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HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
CONDITION ASSESSMENTS:	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
SPORTS FACILITIES	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
PLAYGROUNDS	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
BUILDINGS:	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	Handwritten notes: "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan" and "Handwritten along with park, but not in the plan"

## PRIMARY SITE ISSUES:

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## STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS



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SPORTS FACILITIES



SITE NO.

	QUANTITY				MATERIALS				CONDITION				LOCATION				MISC.					
	AMOUNT	INADEQUATE #	APPROPRIATE #	SKINNED INFIELD	STONE DUST	ASPHALT	METAL	GRASS	OTHER	% COVERAGE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	WELL LOCATED (SNOW)		POORLY LOCATED	ADJACENT TO ADDRESS	ADJACENT TO LIGHTING	ADJACENT TO FENCING	ADJACENT TO PRESENT
BASKETBALL:																						
SURFACE																						
BACKBOARD/HOOP																						
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# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

NATURAL PARK  
ELEMENTS



SITE NO.

SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL FEATURE/AREA	QUANTITY		CONDITION				LOCATION				MISC.	
	EXISTS	QUANTITY	EXACT COUNT	ESTIMATED COUNT	MAINTENANCE	REMOVAL	# COVERAGE	UNSATURABLE	WELL LOCATED (SNOW)	POORLY LOCATED		APPROPRIATELY LOCATED
TREES	X	31	X									
SHRUBS	X											
TURF	X											
GROUND COVER	X											
FLOWER BEDS	X											
GROUND	X											
CONTAINER	X											
WEED SPECIES	X											
WOODS	X											
PONDS	X											
STREAMS	X											
SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL FEATURE/AREA	X											

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not in any of

16.6







# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

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SITE NO

Neighborhood: NORTH DORCHESTER

Site Name: QUINCY STREET P. A.

Location: QUINCY & STANLEY

Evaluation Team: SF & PHT

Evaluation Date: 5.7.87

Surrounding Land Uses: Residential

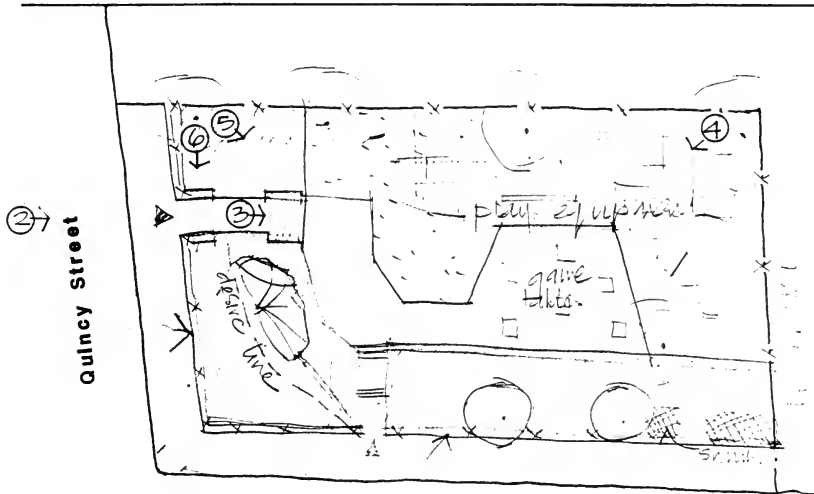
Site Type: Playset

Acreage: 0.38 A

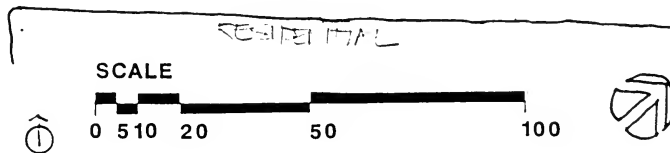
Weather Conditions:

Sunny

## Site Plan



Stanley Street







SITE NO.

**Site Photograph 1**

View down Quincy Street showing limited visibility into park from street due to wall and fencing around edge.

**Site Photograph 2**

Entrance into park from Quincy Street.

**Site Photograph 3**

View across playground showing layout of area. Safety surface needs weeding and replenishment.









**Site Photograph 4**

Rock outcropping adds character to site.



**Site Photograph 5**

Sloped grassed edge used for active free play.



**Site Photograph 6**

Desire line showing corner of site used as short cut.



Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Quincy Street Play Area

Location: Quincy and Stanley Streets

Acreage: 0.38 A

Site Type: Playlot

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**Site Description:**

Quincy Street Play Area is a small rectangular site on the corner of Quincy and Stanley Streets. Residences abut the park on the north and west. Most of the park is a depressed area below a rock outcropping. There are concrete steps that go up, then down into the site from Quincy Street. From Stanley Street three sets of steps lead down into the park. On the outside edge of the park along the streets is a wide grass bank with two old pear trees and the rock outcropping. A play-ground and sitting area is located at the center of the park. Surrounding land uses are residential.

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**Condition Assessments:**

Most standard park-built elements are in fair to good condition except for the drinking fountain and one set of steps. Although all the concrete play structures are in good condition, most of the wood and metal structures are deteriorated. The grass is in poor condition. In some areas it is most likely due to the shallow depth of soil near the rock outcropping. The trees are in good condition.

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**Major Site Issues:**

The overall layout of Quincy Street Play Area is good. The overriding need for the park is the replacement of play structures, equipment that has greater play values, and renovation of the play surface.

Entrance into the park from Quincy Street would be more pleasant if it were at the same grade as the sidewalk. This would also facilitate maintenance of the park.



Neighborhood: North Dorchester  
Site Name: Quincy Street Play Area  
Location: Quincy and Stanley Streets  
Acreage: 0.38 A Site Type: Playlot

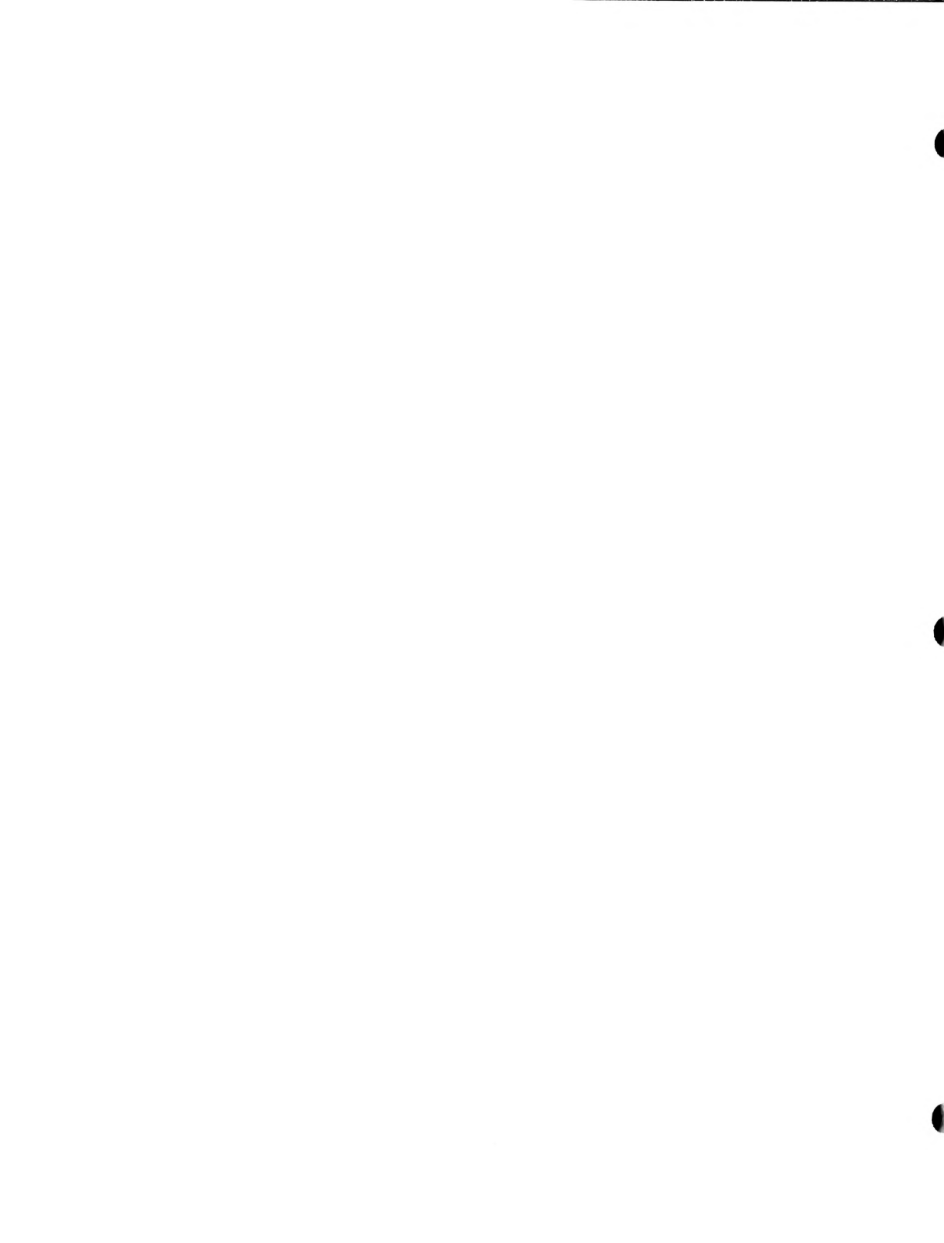
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Condition Assessments: Most standard park built elements are in fair to good condition except for the drinking fountain and one set of steps. Although all the concrete play structures are in good condition, most of the wood and metal structures are deteriorated. The grass is in poor condition. In some areas it is most likely due to the shallow depth of soil near the rock outcropping. The trees are in good condition.

Major Site Issues: The overall layout of Quincy Street Play Area is good. The overriding need for the park is the replacement of play structures and renovation of the play surface. The replacement of play structures should consider the use of equipment that has greater play values.

Entrance into the park from Quincy Street would be more pleasant if it were at the same grade as the sidewalk. This could be accomplished here, which would also facilitate maintenance of the park.

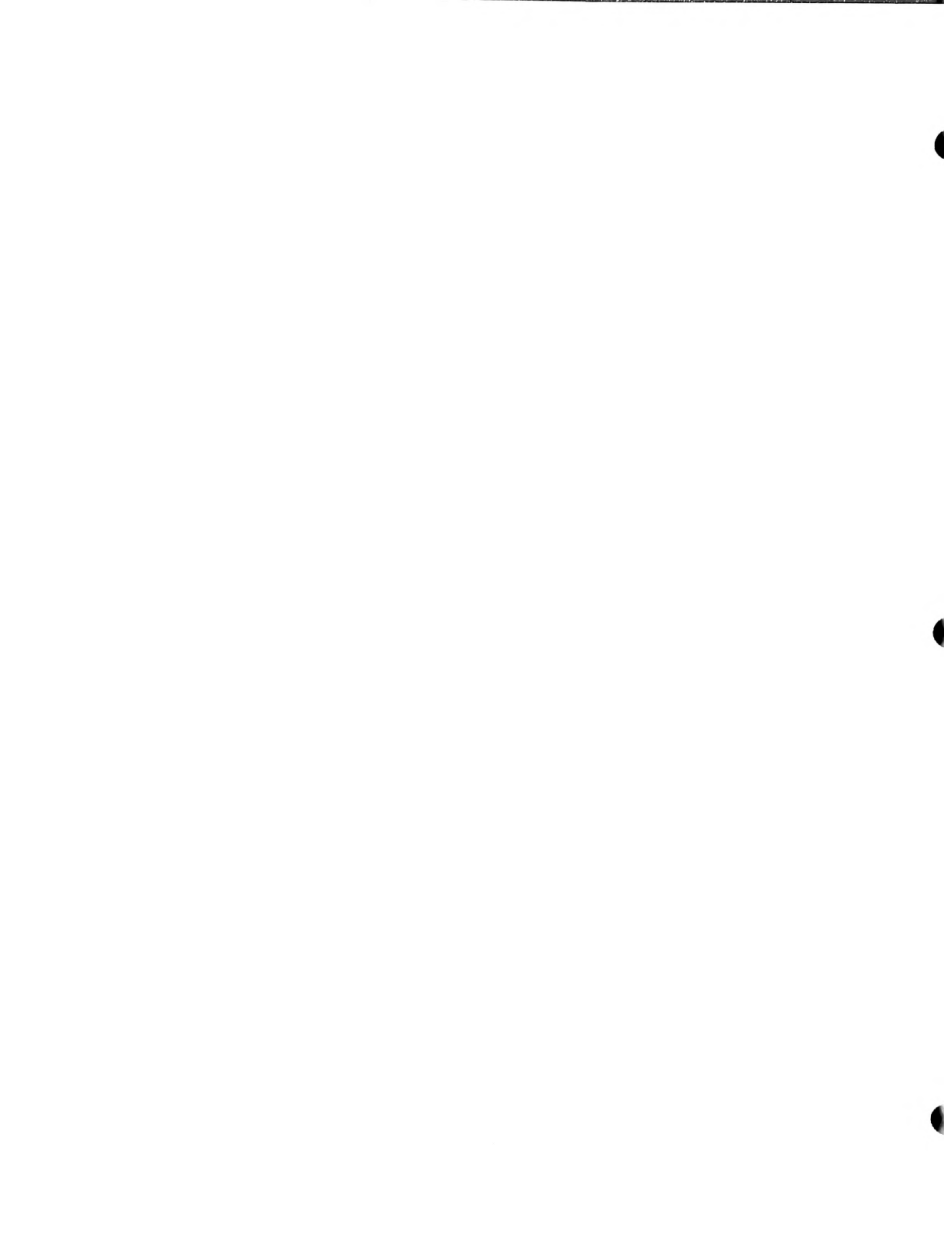


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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	
LAYOUT/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	no trees along road, no parking, no benches, no lighting, no water, no trash, no security.
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
APPROPRIATENESS OF PARK FUNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
BARRIER FREE DESIGN	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
DRAINAGE CONDITION	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
VANDALISM	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
VACANT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
VISIBILITY AND SAFETY:	
VISIBILITY INTO SPACE	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
VISIBILITY OUT FROM SPACE	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
CONDITION ASSESSMENTS:	
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
SPORTS FACILITIES	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
PLAYGROUNDS	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
BUILDINGS	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	no trees, no shrubs, no grass, no flowers, no plants.

PRIMARY SITE ISSUES:

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STANDARD PARK  
BUILT ELEMENTS

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SPORTS FACILITIES



SITE NO.

	QUANTITY				MATERIALS				CONDITION				LOCATION				MISC.										
	AMOUNT	INADEQUATE #	INTEGRAL	SKINNED	SOODED	INFIELD	STONE	DUST	ASPHALT	METAL	GRASS	OTHER	% COVERAGE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	WELL LOCATED (SNOW)	POORLY LOCATED	APPLIED LOCATED	FLAME RETARDANT	LIGHTING	TEAM FENCING	SEMI FENCING	SEMI FENCING	FENCING PRESENT
BASKETBALL:																											
SURFACE																											
BACKBOARD/HOOP																											
TENNIS:																											
BANBOARD																											
FENCING																											
SURFACE																											
NET POLES																											
OTHER COURT:																											
BASEBALL:																											
BACKSTOP																											
INFIELD																											
OUTFIELD																											
LITTLE LEAGUE:																											
BACKSTOP																											
INFIELD																											
OUTFIELD																											
SOFTBALL:																											
BACKSTOP																											
INFIELD																											
OUTFIELD																											
FOOTBALL: FIELD																											
SOCCER: FIELD																											
OTHER FIELD:																											
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	SURFACE CONDITION	MATERIALS	ORGANIZATION	ACCESS	PARKING
PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION	EXCELLENT	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNAVAILABLE (SNOW)
VEHICULAR CIRCULATION	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNAVAILABLE
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNAVAILABLE
VEHICULAR ACCESS	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNAVAILABLE
MAINTENANCE ACCESS	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNAVAILABLE
ACCESS CONTROL:	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNAVAILABLE



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NATURAL PARK  
ELEMENTS



SITE NO

	QUANTITY			CONDITION			LOCATION			MISC.	
	EXISTS	QUANTITY COUNT	ESTIMATED COUNT	MAINTENANCE	REMOVAL	# COVERAGE	UNSATURATED (SQM)	POORLY LOCATED	APPROPRIATE		UNSATURATED
TREES	X										
SHRUBS	X										
TURF	X										
GROUND COVER	X										
FLOWER BEDS	X										
GROUND	X										
CONTAINER	X										
WEED SPECIES	X										
WOODS	X										
PONDS	X										
STREAMS	X										
SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL FEATURE/AREA	X										

Plot only









# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

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SITE NO.

Neighborhood: NORTH DORCHESTER

Site Name: RYAN PLAY AREA

Site Type: PLAY AREA

Location: HARBOR VIEW & DORCHESTER

Acreage: 0.64 A

Evaluation Team: SF & ET

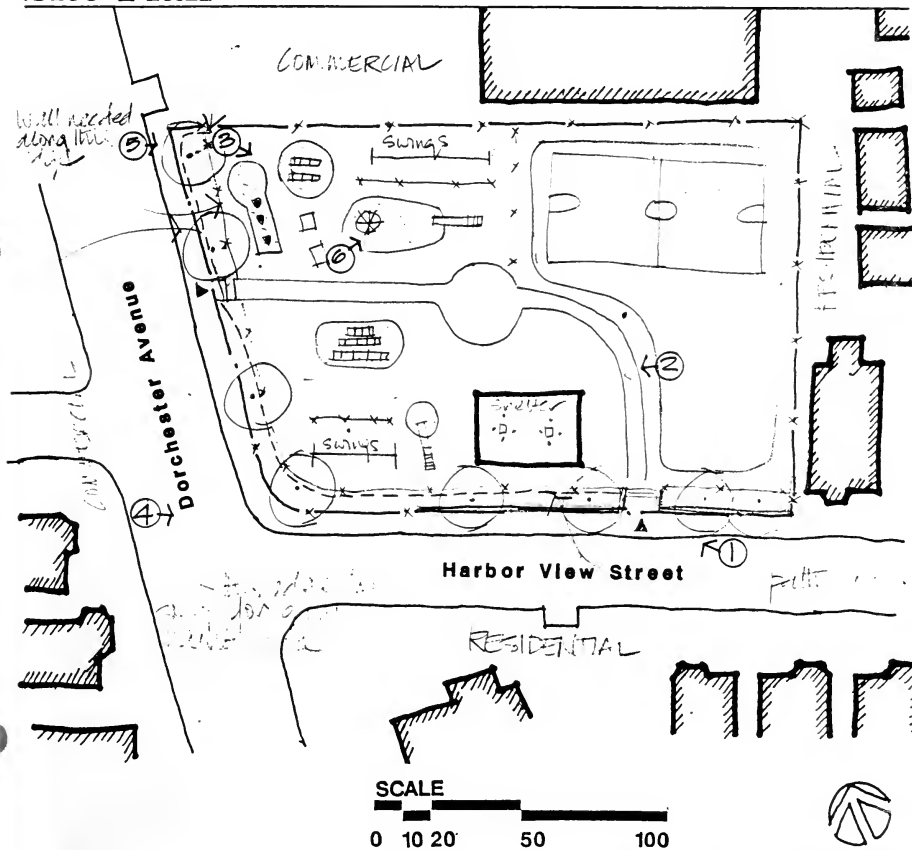
Weather Conditions:

Evaluation Date: 5.11.87

Sunny

Surrounding Land Uses: Residential, Commercial

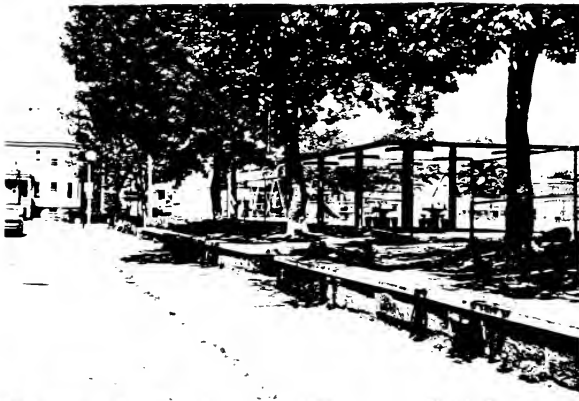
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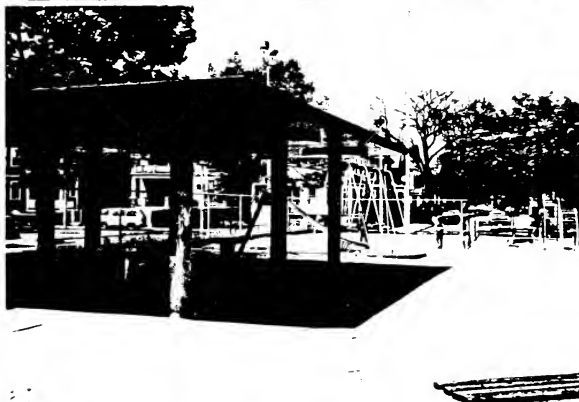




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**Site Photograph 1**

View of edge along Harbor View Street. Trees growing well in continuous plant bed along edge. Grass worn and poorly maintained. Trash needs pick up.

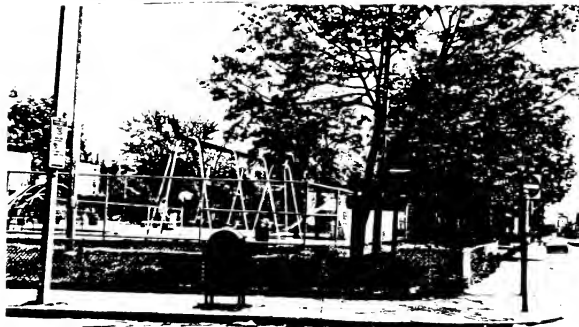
**Site Photograph 2**

Shelter with game tables. Play equipment behind.

**Site Photograph 3**

Play structures in good condition but sand level low and concrete footings exposed. Weeds need removal.





**Site Photograph 4**

View of corner of  
 Dorchester and Harbor  
 View. Mature trees  
 define edge. Sign  
 gives park identity,  
 welcomes. Are two rows  
 of fencing around park  
 necessary?



**Site Photograph 5**

Short cut and access  
 point at this corner -  
 an erosion problem.



**Site Photograph 6**

Sand level too low,  
 exposed concrete  
 footings.





Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Ryan Play Area

Location: Harbor View Street and Dorchester Avenue

Acreage: 0.64 A

Site Type: Playlot

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**Site Description:**

Ryan Play Area is a small trapezoidal site on the corner of Dorchester Avenue and Harbor View Street. Residential and commercial use abuts it on the north and east. The park is elevated above the streets and is framed by sloping strips of grass with trees along the road sides. The park is reached by two sets of stairs. The entire interior of the park is paved except for five small areas with sand for play structures. A basketball court is located in the northeast corner of the site as well as a spray pool area. The remainder of the park is laid out with benches and play structures. An open-air shelter is located near Harbor View Street.

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**Condition Assessments:**

All standard park-built elements are in fair to good condition except for one light which is vandalized and inoperable, and some sections of fence which need repair. The basketball court is in fair condition. The playground equipment is in good condition. Some of the curbs need resetting and all sand areas need additional sand. Renovations to the park are scheduled by the City.

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**Major Site Issues:**

Ryan Play Area does not appear to be vandalized, and has aged well since its original construction in 1962. Although all facilities are in good working order, the playground would serve children better with play equipment that encouraged more varied and interactive play. The site would be greatly enhanced with new plantings and refurbished benches.

The slope down to the sidewalk along Dorchester Avenue and most of Harbor View Street is too steep for easy maintenance. Extension of the existing pudding-stone wall along these edges would not only facilitate maintenance but would make the park more attractive.



Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Ryan Play Area

No.: ND-9

Location: Harbor View Street and Dorchester Avenue

Acreage: 0.64 A

Site Type: Playlot

Site Description:

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# SITE SUMMARY

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	
LAYOUT/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	No. 700 - 2nd St. NW, Washington, D.C.
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	
APPROPRIATENESS OF PARK FUNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	
BARRIER FREE DESIGN	No. 700 - 2nd St. NW, Washington, D.C.
DRAINAGE CONDITION	
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	See plan of Park at 700 St. NW, Washington, D.C.
VANDALISM	Use - Survey of Park at 700 St. NW, Washington, D.C.
VACANT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	No.
VISIBILITY AND SAFETY:	
VISIBILITY INTO SPACE	
VISIBILITY OUT FROM SPACE	
HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	No. C.
CONDITION ASSESSMENTS:	
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	No. 700 - 2nd St. NW, Washington, D.C.
SPORTS FACILITIES	No. 700 - 2nd St. NW, Washington, D.C.
PLAYGROUNDS	No. 700 - 2nd St. NW, Washington, D.C.
BUILDINGS	No. 700 - 2nd St. NW, Washington, D.C.
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	No. 700 - 2nd St. NW, Washington, D.C.

### PRIMARY SITE ISSUES:

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## STANDARD PARTS BUILT ELEMENTS

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NATURAL PARK  
ELEMENTS



SITE NO.

FEATURE/AREA	QUANTITY		CONDITION	LOCATION		MISC.
	EXISTS	REMOVED		QUANTITY	LOCATION	
TREES	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
SHRUBS	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
TURF	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
GROUND COVER	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
FLOWER BEDS	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
GROUND	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
CONTAINER	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
WEED SPECIES	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
WOODS	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
PONDS	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
STREAMS	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	
SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL FEATURE/AREA	1	0	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	









# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

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SITE NO.

Neighborhood: NORTH DORCHESTER

Site Name: SAVIN HILL PARK

Location: GRAMPLAN WAY & ALPINE

Evaluation Team: SF & PJH

Evaluation Date: 5.7.87

Surrounding Land Uses: Residential

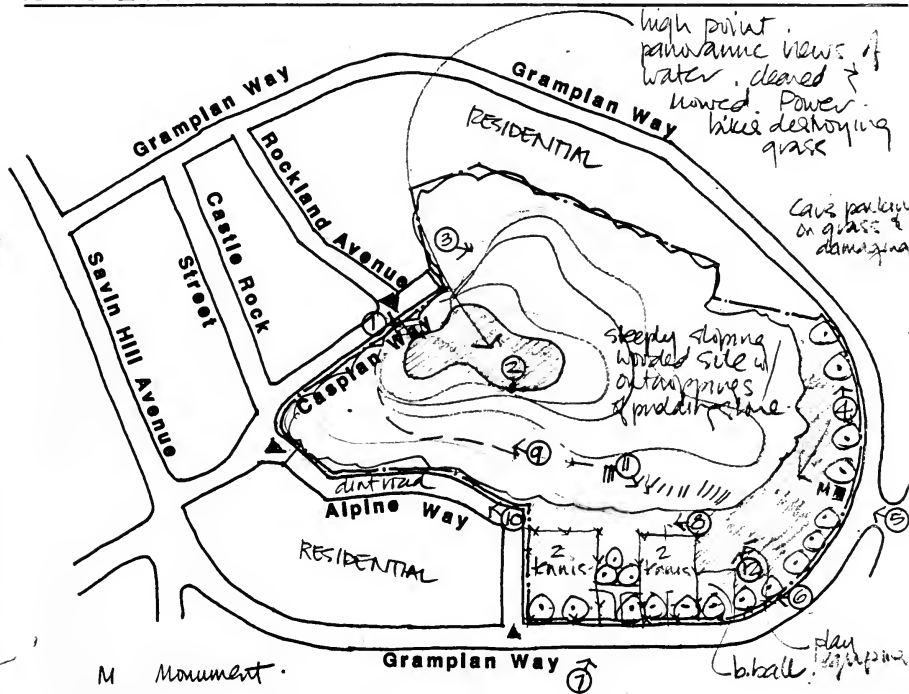
Site Type: MULTI-PURPOSE PARK

Acreage: 8.26A

Weather Conditions:

Sunny

## Site Plan







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**Site Photograph 1**

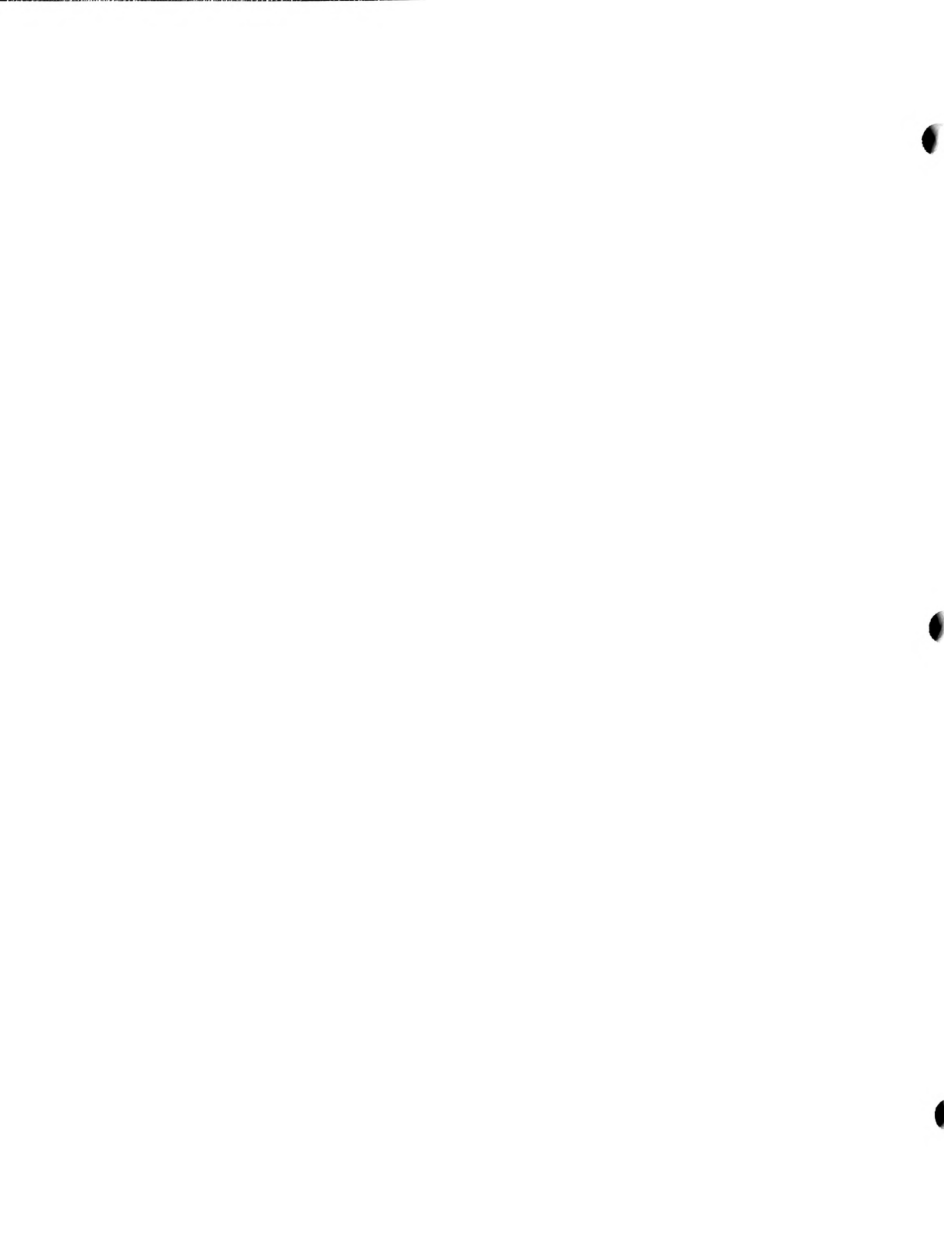
Stone step access from  
Caspian Way.

**Site Photograph 2**

Panoramic view from  
high point of park  
showing Neponset Bay.

**Site Photograph 3**

Typical character of  
terrain in center of  
park. Wheels of dirt  
bikes eroding surface.





**Site Photograph 4**

No curb along Grampian Way - cars parking under trees and compacting soil in tree root zone.



**Site Photograph 5**

View into site showing rock outcrops and mature trees as outstanding scenic features.



**Site Photograph 6**

Basketball court and tennis court located on level area at edge of park. Mature shade trees define edge and provide shade.





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**Site Photograph 7**

Entrance from Grampian  
Way to tennis courts.



**Site Photograph 8**

Trash and litter  
build-up at back of  
courts.



**Site Photograph 9**

Informal walkway around  
site.







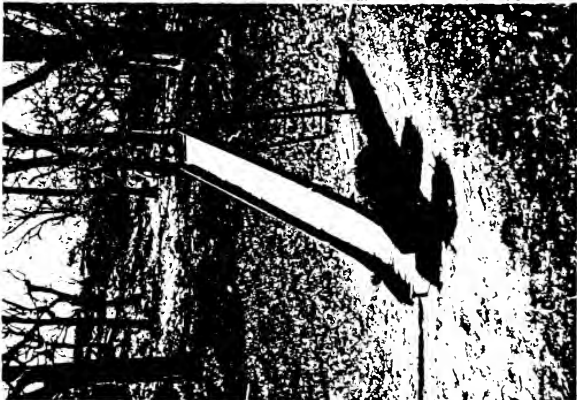
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**Site Photograph 10**

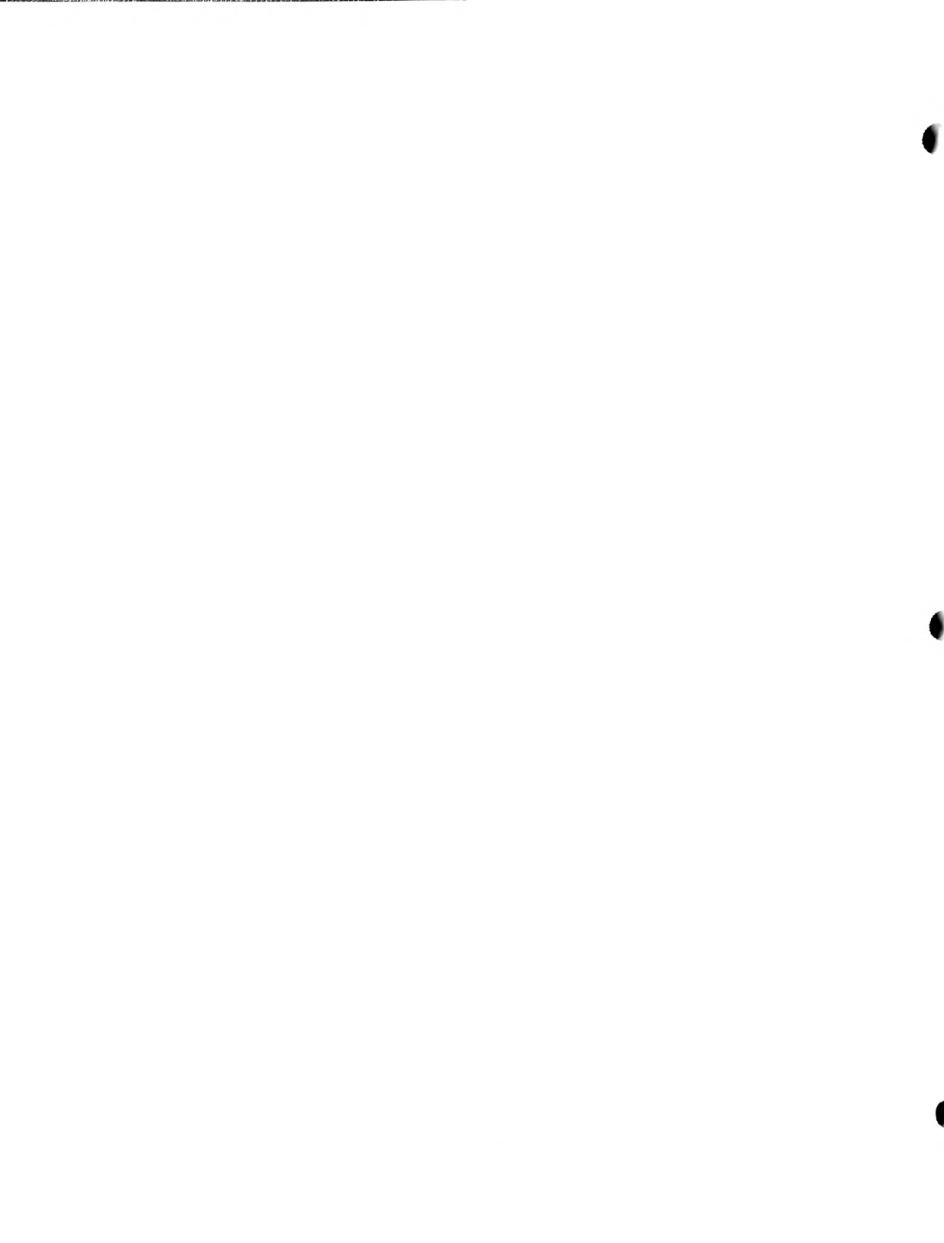
Alpine Way once paved, but now very overgrown. Has potential of being important supervision access through site.

**Site Photograph 11**

Erosion of pathway due to over use.

**Site Photograph 12**

Slide - exposed concrete footing and loose metal at left end of slide both safety hazards.



Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Savin Hill Park

Location: Grampian and Alpine Ways

Acreage: 8.26 A

Site Type: Playfield

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**Site Description:**

Savin Hill Park is an extraordinary landscape park prominently located at the high point of Savin Hill. Grampian Way, Caspian Way and Alpine Way (a dirt road) encompass the site. There are residences along the north edge. From its rocky summit are magnificent views to the south and east over the Neponset River Estuary, harbor islands, and Quincy. The landscape of the summit is composed of puddingstone outcroppings interspersed with grass meadows. Gnarled stunted trees grow in rock crevices. On the lower slopes there are enormous oaks. Shrubs and small trees grow along the south and west hillsides and behind adjacent residences along the north edge of the park.

Tennis and basketball courts and a few play structures are located along Grampian Way. Granite and puddingstone stairs are constructed in a naturalistic manner to provide easy access up the steeply sloping rock outcroppings.

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**Condition Assessments:**

The standard park-built elements and sports facilities are all in fair to good condition. The play structures are also in fair to good condition, but no safety surface is present. The trees are mostly in good condition.

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**Major Site Issues:**

Savin Hill Park is a spectacular landscape park with beautiful long distance views. However, inappropriate uses including drinking, riding of dirt bikes, setting of fires and writing of graffiti has greatly eroded the appearance of this special site. The parkland is also being used for parking of cars, which should be prevented. This use and the previously mentioned abuse combines with insufficient maintenance to cause deterioration. Increased maintenance effort should focus on trash removal and lawn and tree maintenance. Additional plantings suitable for the dry and exposed site and organization of circulation with careful attention to how slopes should be ascended, would improve the use and appearance of the park.



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Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Savin Hill Park

No.: ND-10

Location: Grampian and Alpine Ways

Acreage: 8.26 A

Site Type: Playfield

Site Description:

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Tennis and basketball courts and a few play structures are located along Grampian Way. Granite and puddingstone stairs are constructed in a naturalistic manner to provide easy access up the steeply sloping rock outcroppings.

Condition Assessments:

The standard park built elements and sports facilities are all in fair to good condition. The play structures are also in fair to good condition, however, no safety surface is present. The trees are mostly in good condition.

Major Site Issues:

Savin Hill Park is a spectacular landscape park with beautiful long distance views. However, inappropriate uses including drinking, riding of dirt bikes, setting of fires and writing of graffiti has greatly eroded the appearance of this special site. The parkland is also being used for parking of cars, which should be prevented. This use and the previously mentioned abuse combines with insufficient maintenance to cause deterioration. Increased maintenance effort should focus on trash removal and lawn and tree maintenance. The park would greatly benefit from the development of a management plan. Additional plantings suitable for the dry and exposed site and organization of circulation with careful attention to how slopes should be ascended, would improve the use and appearance of the park.



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SITE SUMMARY



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	High point of park open clear to city views of 1st St & generally enjoying sides w/ rocky outcrops & outstanding view of Flat and at bike use for vegetation scattered.
LAYOUT/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	No
APPROPRIATENESS OF PARK FUNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	A. Adequate
BARRIER FREE DESIGN	Quality, broken glass, damaged natural.
DRAINAGE CONDITION	
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	Unintended byproduct. Visibility into sports scattered good
VANDALISM	"
VACANT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	along rocks.
VISIBILITY AND SAFETY:	
VISIBILITY INTO SPACE	
VISIBILITY OUT FROM SPACE	
HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	
CONDITION ASSESSMENTS:	
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	Standard lighting, standard, broken, scattered, fair
SPORTS FACILITIES	A. Poor, 1 basketball, 1 table, good
PLAYGROUNDS	Structure good, around 85% are poor
BUILDINGS	
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	Planted take around edge, air, natural, scattered, good

## PRIMARY SITE ISSUES:

- ☒ Inappropriate use of park - drinking, graffiti, dirt bikes, etc. a huge park
- ☒ Lack of ongoing cleaning & maintenance
- ☒ Need for development of landscape management plan
- ☒ Cuts parked off road & under trees - developing lawn & compacting soil under trees
- ☒ Lot of people using
- ☒ A great view, but not view of city
- ☒ Park use, scattered, but not view of city





## STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS

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SPORTS FACILITIES

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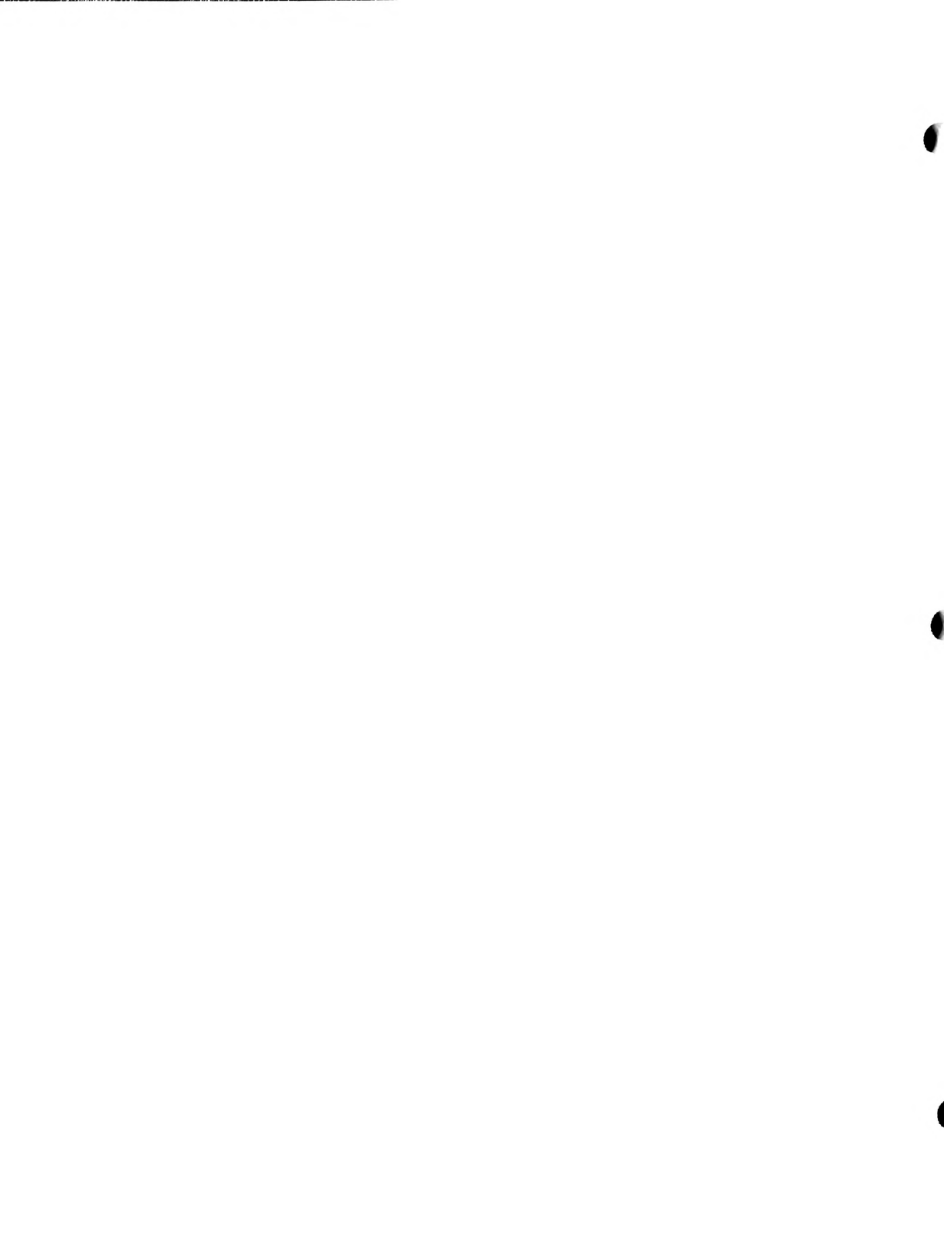
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COURTS	QUANTITY		MATERIALS		CONDITION		LOCATION		MISC.													
	AMOUNT	ADAPTABLE #	SKINNED INFIELD	STONE DUST	ASPHALT	GRASS	OTHER	% COVERAGE		EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	WELL LOCATED (SNOW)	POORLY LOCATED	APPLY LOCATED	EMERGENCY	LIGHTING	SEATING	PLAYING	FENCING
BASKETBALL:	1																					
SURFACE																						
BACKBOARD/HOOP	2																					
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## NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS

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SITE NO.

	QUANTITY	CONDITION	LOCATION	MISC.
TREES	100	POORLY LOCATED	NATURAL WOODLAND	NEARLY MAINTENANCE.
SHRUBS				
TURF				
GROUND COVER				
FLOWER BEDS				
GROUND				
CONTAINER				
WEED SPECIES				
WOODS				
PONDS				
STREAMS				
SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL FEATURE/AREA				









# CITY OF BOSTON PARK EVALUATION

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SITE NO.

Neighborhood: NORTH DOULCHSTER

Site Name: COPPENS SQUARE

Location: BOWDOIN, ADAMS & CHURCH

Evaluation Team: SF3 PRT

Evaluation Date: 5.7.87

Surrounding Land Uses: Residential, Church, Elderly Housing

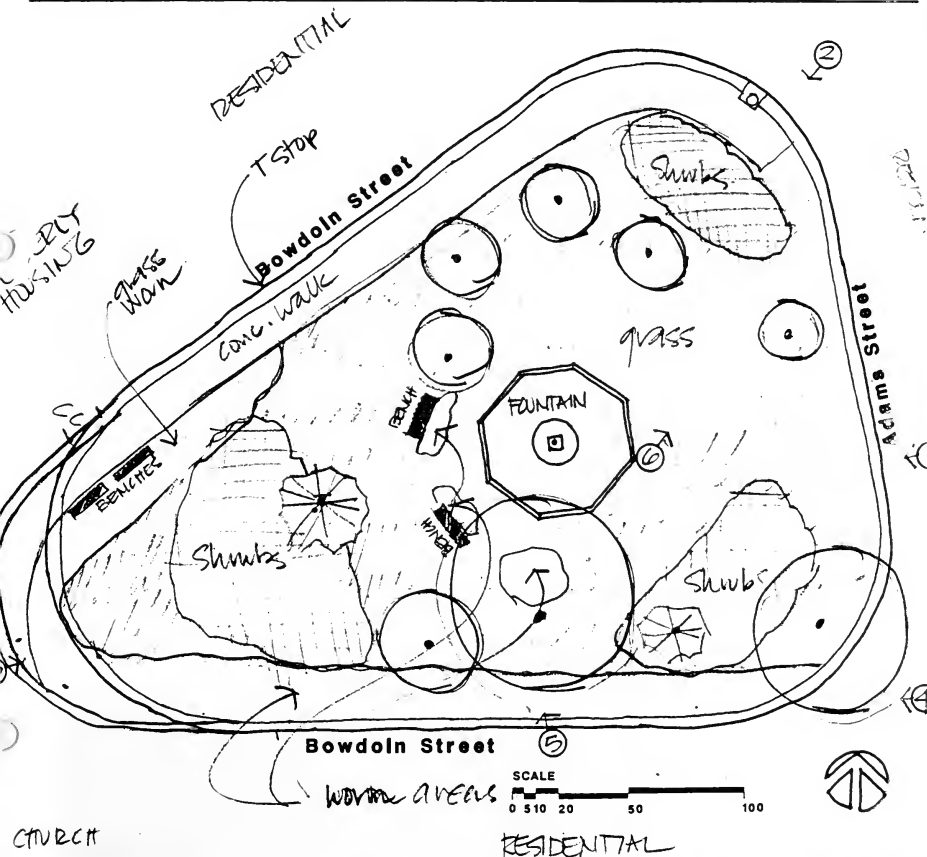
Site Type: Sq. and

Acreage: 0.3A

Weather Conditions:

Sunny

## Site Plan







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**Site Photograph 1**

View from Adams Street showing mature trees and shrubs and fountain as focal point.

**Site Photograph 2**

Flowering and evergreen shrubs in need of restoration. Cars parked around edges detract from impact of square as an important green space.

**Site Photograph 3**

Benches located near bus stop. Grass on this corner worn away.





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**Site Photograph 4**

Pedestrian circulation has worn grass along Bowdoin Street. Sidewalk needed.

**Site Photograph 5**

Mature Beech tree contributes to this square. Tree is being inappropriately used for a rope swing. Bare grass patches at base of benches.

**Site Photograph 6**

Trees and shrubs need renovative pruning. Grass needs improved mowing around base of trees and edges of shrub beds.





Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Coppens Square

Location: Bowdoin and Adams Streets

Acreage: 0.3 A

Site Type: Square

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**Site Description:**

Coppens Square is a triangular site prominently located at the center of the intersection of Bowdoin, Adams and Church Streets. The park is elevated above Bowdoin and Adams Streets. There is a large fountain at the center of the site with several benches near it. Large shrub plantings, now quite overgrown, are prominently located at each corner of the park. A large purple beech, crab apples and evergreen trees are located around the edges of the park.

There is only one sidewalk for passage along Bowdoin Street, and there are several worn paths along Adams and Church Streets. Surrounding land uses are residential and institutional.

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**Condition Assessments:**

All standard park-built elements are in fair to good condition. The fountain is in good condition, with some graffiti. The trees are mostly in good condition, although the beech tree has been badly carved and many trees have been used for rope swings. The shrub plantings are overgrown, and many trees have seeded themselves into the shrub beds. The lawn is mostly in good condition, although badly worn in several areas because of the lack of paved pathways.

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**Major Site Issues:**

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Neighborhood: North Dorchester

Site Name: Coppens Square

No.: ND-15

Location: Bowdoin and Adams Streets

Acreage: 0.3 A

Site Type: Square

Site Description:

Coppens Square is a triangular site prominently located at the center of the intersection of Bowdoin, Adams and Church Streets. The park is elevated above Bowdoin and Adams Streets. There is a large fountain at the center of the site with several benches near it. Large shrub plantings, now quite overgrown, are prominently located at each corner of the park. A large purple beech, crabapples and evergreen trees are located around the edges of the park.

There is only one sidewalk for passage along Bowdoin Street, and there are several worn paths along Adams and Church Streets. Surrounding land uses are residential and institutional.

Condition Assessments:

All standard park built elements are in fair to good condition. The fountain is in good condition, with some graffiti. The trees are mostly in good condition, although the beech tree has been badly carved and many trees have been used for rope swings. The shrub plantings are overgrown, and many trees have seeded themselves into the shrub beds. The lawn is mostly in good condition, although badly worn in several areas because of the lack of paved pathways.

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SITE SUMMARY



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	
LAYOUT/ORGANIZATION OF SPACE	Fountain at center as focal point, shrub planting at corners
USE OF PLANT MATERIALS	benches, trees & bench table set in bench. Simple good design. sidewalk on one side only. Needed all around
APPROPRIATENESS OF PARK FUNCTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD	
BARRIER FREE DESIGN	curb cut on one corner & sidewalk on one side only
DRAINAGE CONDITION	adequate
DESIGN-RELATED MAINTENANCE ISSUES	inadequate circulation system & benches not on circ. path - w/o grass
VANDALISM	graffiti, broken benches, broken tree limbs
VACANT PARCEL TO SOUTH, EAST	No
VISIBILITY AND SAFETY:	
VISIBILITY INTO SPACE	visibility in and out of space blocked by overgrown
VISIBILITY OUT FROM SPACE	shrubs plantings
HIDDEN CORNERS IN SPACE	
CONDITION ASSESSMENTS:	
STANDARD PARK BUILT ELEMENTS	benches and fountain good to fair
SPORTS FACILITIES	-
PLAYGROUNDS	-
BUILDINGS	-
NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS	shrubs overgrown & need renovation, trees need pruning, grass worn in areas

PRIMARY SITE ISSUES:

- ☒ Circulation needs should be studied and additional pavement installed to respond to these needs.
- ☒ Shrubs need renovation.
- ☒ vandalism & lack of maintenance have deteriorated this space
- ☒ fountain needs to be reactivated.
- ☒ bench table being used for waste swing - indicates need for playground in area
- ☒ car parking around triangle block view & detract from impact of square as impotent open space in the area





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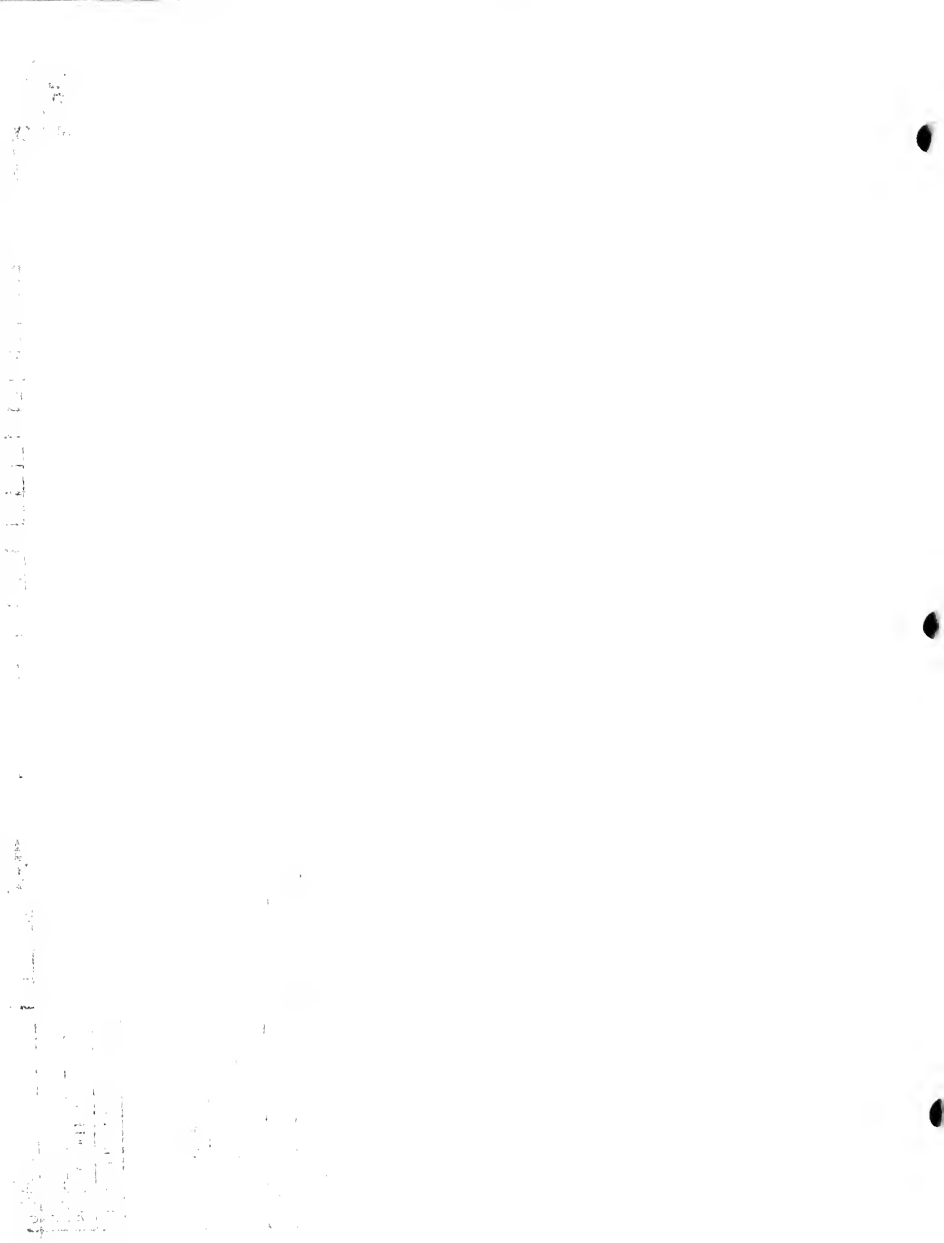
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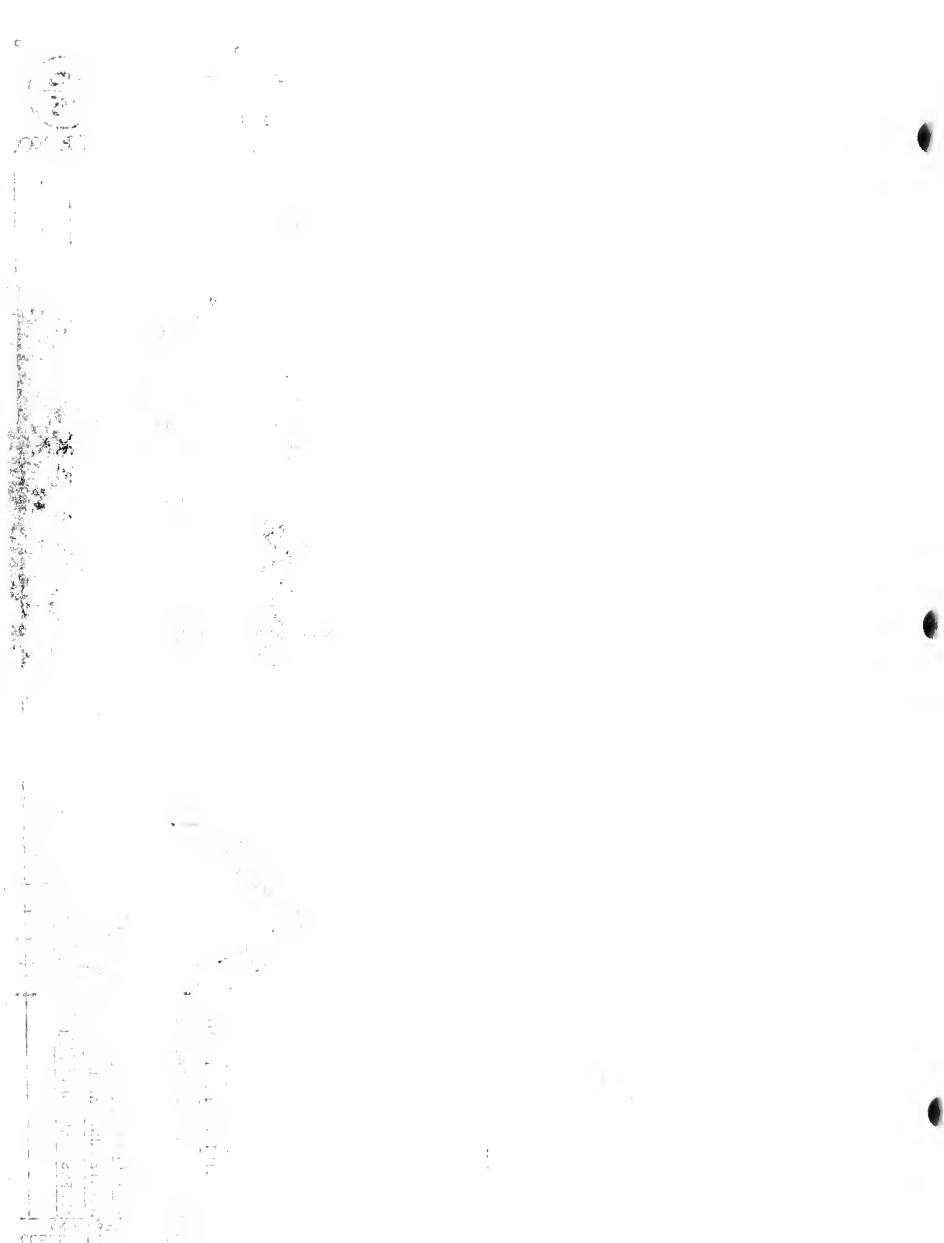
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	QUANTITY		MATERIALS										CONDITION					LOCATION	MISC.				
	ADJACENT #	INADJACENT #	WOOD	WOOD & CONCRETE	METAL	STONE	BRICK	CHAIN LINK	WIRE CHAIN	BIT. CONCRETE	OTHER	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNUSABLE	UNSATURABLE (SNOW)			WELL LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	EXPOSED	EXPOSED
BENCHES, PARK																							
BICYCLE RACKS																							
BLEACHERS																							
BOLLARDS																							
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TRASH RECEPTACLES :																							
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## NATURAL PARK ELEMENTS

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	QUANTITY	CONDITION	LOCATION	MISC.
TREES	10	WELL LOCATED	POORLY LOCATED	carved up tree trunk
SHRUBS	0	UNSATISFACTORY	POORLY LOCATED	
TURF	70	REMOVAL	POORLY LOCATED	very poorly maintained
GROUND COVER		MAINTENANCE	POORLY LOCATED	
FLOWER BEDS		ESTIMATED COUNT	POORLY LOCATED	
GROUND		EXACT COUNT	POORLY LOCATED	
CONTAINER		QUANTITY EXISTS	POORLY LOCATED	
WEED SPECIES			POORLY LOCATED	tree are seeding interesting
WOODS			POORLY LOCATED	removed
PONDS			POORLY LOCATED	
STREAMS			POORLY LOCATED	
SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL FEATURE/AREA			POORLY LOCATED	







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